V·B Rose

Volume 6

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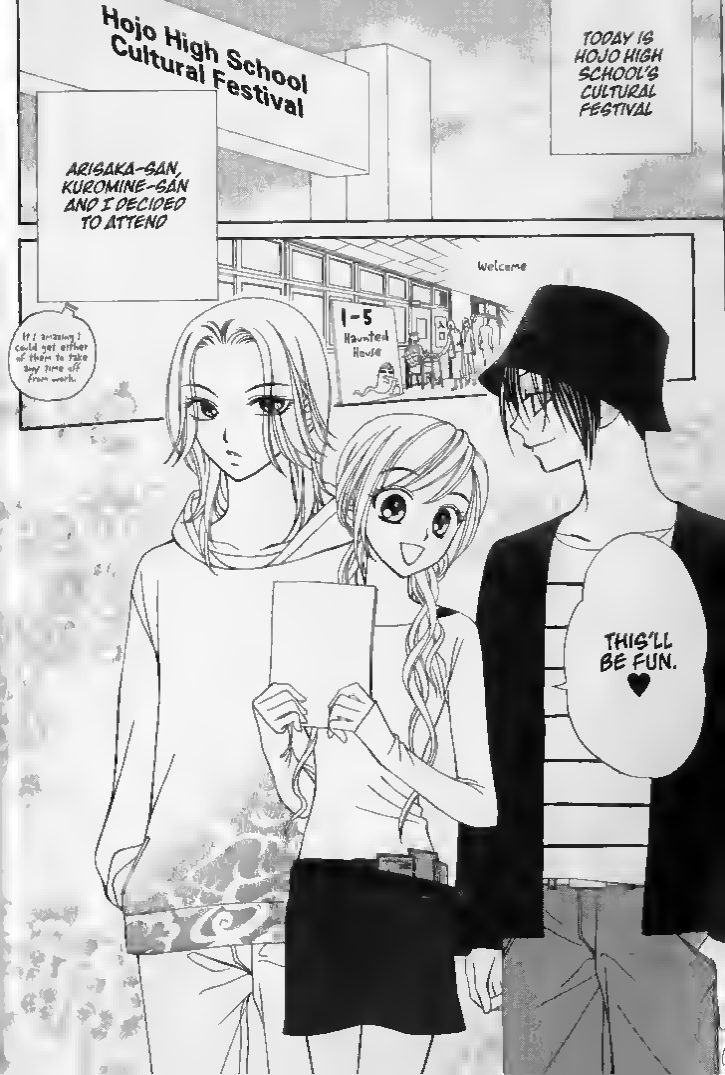
Episodio 30


Hojo High School Cultural Festival
TODAY IS HOJO HIGH SCHOOL'S CULTURAL FESTIVAL
ARISAKA-SAN, KUROMINE-SAN AND I DECIDED TO ATTEND
Welcome
1-5 Haunted House
If I'm lucky I could get either of them to take any time off from work.
THIS'LL BE FUN.

I WONDER WHERE MAMORU-CHAN'S CLASS IS.
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MEOUCH
YOU CAN'T READ THAT PAMPHLET AND WALK AT THE SAME TIME
IF YOU BUMP INTO SOMETHING AND GET HURT, YOU'RE STILL SCHEDULED TO WORK LATER
As if!
I'M NOT ALL THAT CLUMSY
PAST EXPERIENCE SAYS YOU ARE.
Heh heh
OH. YEAH.
RIGHT?
POINT WELL TAKEN.
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I just love reading pamphlets.
YOU WOULD

WHY, YOU ASK?
WELL, IF YOU'VE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION...
...I FEEL UNEASY.
TO BE HONEST...
...LATELY WHEN I'M WITH ARISAKA-SAN...
IT WAS THE FACT THAT WE WERE JUST PLAYING AROUND...
NO, IT WASN'T LIKE THAT EXACTLY...
...WHEN IT HAPPENED. MAYBE I WANTED IT TO HAPPEN.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO INTERPRET WHAT HAPPENED?!
Refer to Episode 29
Just look out over the flat, rolling land.

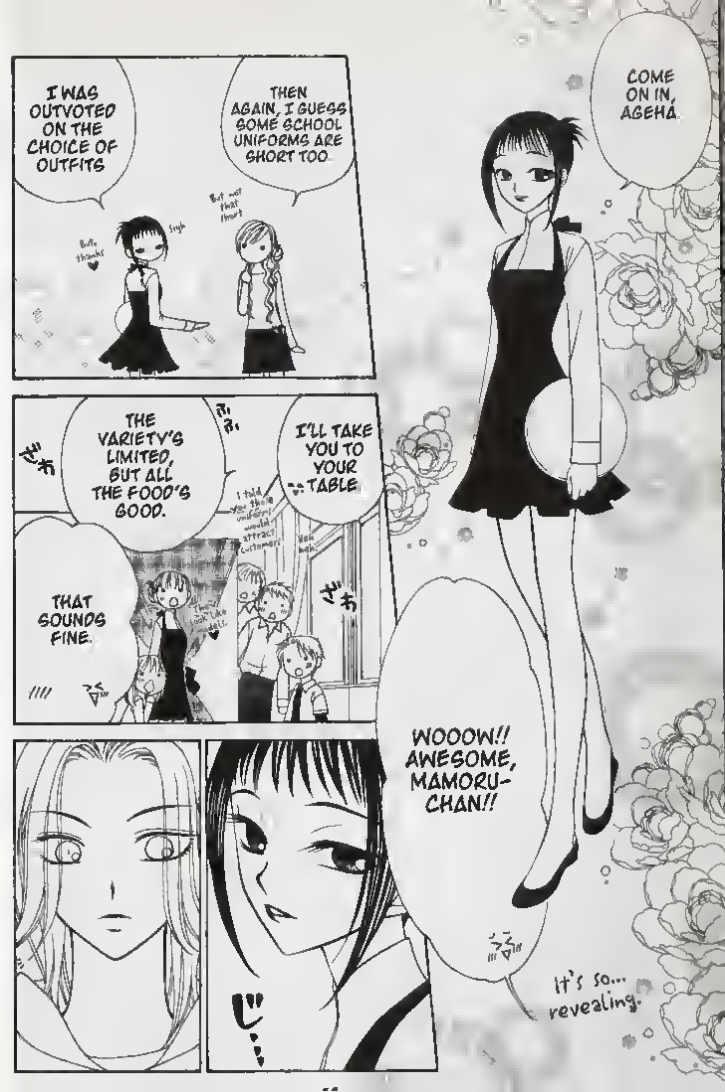
...OR DID I JUST THINK IT DID?
I HOPE IT MEANT WHAT I HOPE IT MEANT.
WHAT DO I MAKE OF IT ALL?
DID IT MEAN ANYTHING
Hale High School Cultural Festival Pamphlet
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
DOES HE STILL SEE ME AS ONE?
BUT I'M NOT A KID. AM I?
NOTHING HE DOES MAKES A LICK OF SENSE.
She's overanalysing things.
I'm just kidding myself.
IT'S ARISAKA-SAN HE'S NOT LIKE THAT.. IS HE?
NO, STOP YOU FOOL!!
I gotcha, Sakura!
Eeee! Hee hee!
HE'S LIKE THAT WITH HIS YOUNGER BROTHER SAKURA-KUN ALL THE TIME!!
A common occurrence

...AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED.
IT MEANS NOTHING.
IF ONLY I COULD ASK HIM...
AFTER ALL, HE ACTS...
MURMUR
MURMUR
Did you see that hottie?
Yeah, I know!
SOMETIMES I FORGET THAT
Hojo High Pamphlet
Give
What ever
You'll be right back.
BUT WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE THE ANSWER?
HM?
IF THEY'RE NOT STUDENTS, WHO ARE THEY?
THEY'RE ALIENS FROM THE PLANET ADORABLE
Whoo

Schools really have that "school" feeling to them
...ARISAKA-SAN AND KUROMINE-SAN...
Makes me kind of nostalgic
...REALLY ARE HANDSOME.
TOO HANDSOME TO BE BELIEVED
!!!
BUT HE'S ACTUALLY A REAL COMPLICATED HUMAN BEING
They sure are attracting a lot of attention
IT WASN'T HIS LOOKS THAT GOT ME SO INTERESTED IN HIM
WHEN I FIRST SAW ARISAKA-SAN...
...IT WAS LIKE LOOKING AT A WORK OF ART.
1937
Ruffl, the pamphlet got smashed.
IT WAS THE FACT THAT HE'S SO COMPLEX!!
I WONDER IF I'LL REALLY EVER UNDERSTAND HIM COMPLETELY
Eeep!

I TOLD YOU THAT WOULD HAPPEN...
YOU SURE DID...
ON THE PLUS SIDE, SHE'S REALLY OUTGOING.
EXCUSE ME, WHERE'S THE CLASSROOM FOR 2ND YEAR, CLASS 8?
BUT SHE SURE CAN BE DENSE SOMETIMES.
AGEHA SURE IS PRETTY
THOSE GIRL ARE TOTALLY SWOONING OVER HER!
AS IF THAT MATTERS!

HEY GUYS, I KNOW WHERE IT IS NOW. ♪
We're living in a paradise of cuteness!! ♥
Yes! Yes.
I'VE DIED AND GONE TO HIGH SCHOOL GIRL HEAVEN.
?
YUKARI-KUN. ♡
ANYONE HERE IN PARTICULAR?
SOMEDAY, I'M GONNA TO KILL YOU SERIOUSLY
2-6
OH, THERE IT IS!! ♡
HELLOOO! IS MAMORU SAKASHITA HERE?
SO, WHAT'S YOUR FRIEND'S CLASS DOING?
HM? THEY'RE RUNNING A CAFÉ.
WE CAN GET SOME-THING TO EAT HERE. ♥
SOUNDS GOOD.
Please, Kuramine, keep your hands to yourself.


I WAS OUTVOTED ON THE CHOICE OF OUTFITS
THEN AGAIN, I GUESS SOME SCHOOL UNIFORMS ARE SHORT TOO
But thanks ♥
Sigh
But not that short
COME ON IN, AGEHA
THE VARIETY'S LIMITED, BUT ALL THE FOOD'S GOOD.
I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR TABLE
I told you this uniform would attract customers!
Look back.
THAT SOUNDS FINE.
I wonder how I look like that...
WOOOW!! AWESOME, MAMORU-CHAN!!
It's so... revealing.

WELCOME TO OUR CAFÉ, ARISAKA-SAN AND KUROMINE-SAN
BON APPÉTIT!
YUKARI-KUN, YOU HAD YOUR FAKE SMILE ON.
OH, THAT WAS JUST BECAUSE I HAVEN'T TALKED TO HER MUCH.
Ha ha ha...
Hoh hoh...
FOR A MOMENT THERE, I THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS SIZING ME UP...
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WHAT? MY BRO?
HEY, KUROMINE-KUN! IT'S YOUR BIG BROTHER.
...I'M NOT GOING TO FORGIVE YOU...
Ha...
IF YOU MAKE AGEHA CRY...

BARF!
IT'S YUKARI ARISAKA AGAIN.
IS THAT ANY WAY TO ACT?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF SERVICE WITH A SMILE?
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NOW, SMILE.
Guuuh...
Help him!
Parents are first.
WHAT'S YOUR JOB HERE, SHIZUYA?
WHAT?
I'M THE... COOK.
Secretly ashamed of...
...having a "girly" job.
.....
Uhh...

WHAT SHOULD WE ORDER?
Mamoru-chan said everything is good!
ONE PAELLA WITH TONS OF SEAFOOD!!
THAT'S NOT ON THE MENU!!
Idiot!
SOMETHING THAT'LL BE HARD FOR THE KID TO MAKE.
Menu
STOP LEAVING YOUR POST!
AH!
AKIYOSHI-KUN.
HEY, SHIRÔ!, LONG TIME NO SEE.

YOU MUST BE A WAITER
YUP.
MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?
YOU LOOK... GOOD. IN THAT UNIFORM TOO.
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DISAP-POINTED?
GET THOSE FANTASIES OF ME IN A MINI-SKIRT OUT OF YOUR HEAD NOW!
KINDA LET DOWN...
ALTHOUGH I WOULD LOOK TOTALLY HOT IN ONE.
HE WOULD, ACTUALLY!!
I WONDER IF SAKURA IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE ME EVEN-TUALLY TOO
WE CAN ONLY HOPE.
I'M HER CLONE
NO WONDER I GOT THEM MIXED THEM UP, RIGHT?
HEY! YOU'RE KAZUHA-SAN'S YOUNGER BROTHER!!
YOU LOOK SO ALIKE.

THIS GUY IS SO MUCH FUN.
WHAT DO YOU WANT, KUROMINE?
BUT JUST A WHILE BACK, TWO OF AKIYOSHI'S OLDER SIBLINGS WERE HERE...
...AND THEY WERE CALLING HIM "REI-CHAN".
HE WAS BLUSHING TO BEAT THE BAND.
HE'S ACTING ALL MATURE RIGHT NOW, BUT...
Bwa-ha-ha-ha-ha.
ACTUALLY, I GET ON WELL WITH MY FAMILY
YEAH... THAT'S KAZUHA-SAN'S BROTHER, ALL RIGHT.
Now, are you ready to order?
REFUSE TO ASK AGAIN

HM?
I should be used to it by now.
MENUS AREN'T FOR SLAPPING PEOPLE WITH!
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HEY, AGEHA, WHAT ARE YOU GETTING?
ER.. UH..
I wonder if Shizuya is going to make it
Pancake set..
OKAY, SOMETHING'S GOING ON.
OR IS HE JUST HAVING FUN?
BECAUSE HE'S ACTING FLIRTY.
EITHER WAY, I'LL TAKE IT.
A wee bit.

Hello, this is Banri Kidaka. How have you guys been? I'm really into Tirol Chocolate's "Lots of Strawberries" series ♪ I'm also into Baskin Robbins' strawberry shortcake flavored ice cream that's available only in February & Sweet things really pep you up when you're tired.

I'm in love with this year's spring line of frilly, fluffy shirts and... ...biker style clothes because they're so sweet.

Now, in volume six, there's a story about a high school cultural festival. On the drama CD, there's a part where Nagare-san self-indulgently roams [redacted] festival's dark side.

I wonder what people will think about the new character. I'm so excited.

So, please enjoy my 32nd comic book, V.B. Rose Volume 6 ♡

Some friends of mine gave me a cell phone strap as a 6-year anniversary present! It's so cute. Thanks!

They made it themselves.

I Hate You More Than Anyone ...

V.B.R.

They made chocolate for it based

OH NO. HEH HEH HEH. ♡

HEY, YOU! STOP SMIRKING!

I SAID, STOP IT!!

Can you take our order, please?

IS HE SHIROI'S BOY-FRIEND?

He's like a god.

SO THAT'S THE ARISAKA-SAN I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT?

YEAH.

CHITTER

CHATTER

How about, just to live freely?

You live freely enough already

TIME... CAN IT BE STOPPED...?

IS IT A JUST MATTER OF TIME?

IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT YET

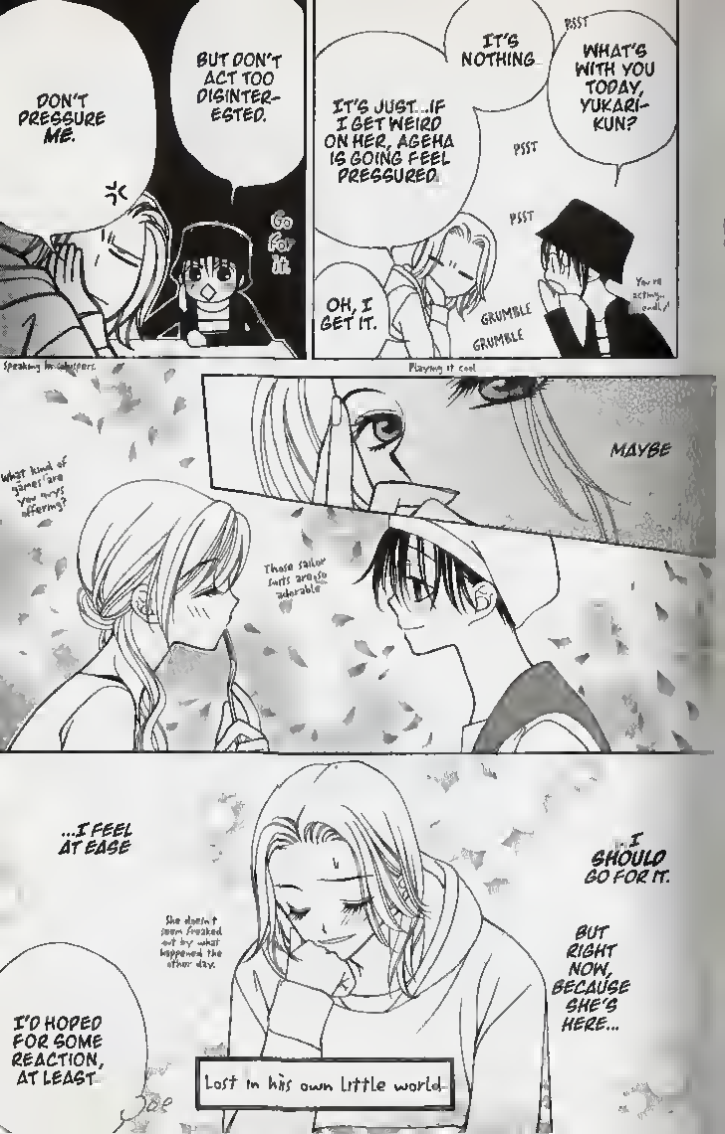
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

It's fascinating to think about, though.

HE APPEARS!! [BY YUKARI]
NAT-CHAN!!
WHAT AN OUTFIT!
OH, THIS?
WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL, AGEHA-CHAN.
OH.

I suppose it does make sense for you to be working here.
IT'S OUR CLASS COSTUME
IT'S NOTHING SIGNIFICANT, REALLY
YOUR CLASS IS HOSTING GAMES, RIGHT?
WE WERE THINKING ABOUT HEADING OVER THERE...
...WHEN MAMORU-CHAN AND THE REST SWITCH SHIFTS.
PLEASE DO!
BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WE WERE HERE?
WELL...
I TOLD HIM HE'D REGRET IT IF HE DIDN'T SEE THE CUTIES OVER AT THE CAFÉ.
MAMORU TEXTED ME ABOUT IT AND EVERYTHING.
I see
YOU WERE TEXTED ABOUT US?
HERE YOU GO, AGEHA-- YOUR PANCAKES.
She's so easily pleased.
Wow ♥

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
OH... BUT...
NAT-CHAN, COME SIT DOWN.
YOU CAME TO SEE THE "CUTIES," SO HAVE A SEAT.
Come eat pancakes with me
IS THIS...NORMAL?
Hee hee.
SEE?
AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU CAME?
SIS...
...ALL RIGHT.
IF YOU INSIST
LOOKING AT HIM NOW...
...YOU'D THINK HE WAS JUST A NORMAL KID.
Hmm.
WHO'S A BIT CUCKOO ABOUT HIS SISTER.
So what? Rarika's a little bit like that


DON'T PRESSURE ME.
BUT DON'T ACT TOO DISINTERESTED.
Go for it.
IT'S NOTHING
PSST
WHAT'S WITH YOU TODAY, YUKARI-KUN?
IT'S JUST...IF I GET WEIRD ON HER, AGEHA IS GOING FEEL PRESSURED.
PSST
PSST
OH, I GET IT.
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
You're actually cool!
Speaking in chapters.
Playing it cool
MAYBE
What kind of names are you guys offering?
Those sailor suits are so adorable
...I FEEL AT EASE
She doesn't seem freaked out by what happened the other day.
I'D HOPED FOR SOME REACTION, AT LEAST
Lost in his own little world.
I SHOULD GO FOR IT.
BUT RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE SHE'S HERE...

I'm going to go find what they want.
YOUR CLASS-MATES LOOKED KIND OF FLUS-TERED.
THERE'S STILL SOME TIME BEFORE THE SHIFT CHANGE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
PSST...
HEY, COME OVER HERE
I'M HAVING TROUBLE FIGURING HER OUT RIGHT NOW.
SAKA-SHITA-SAN
SAKA-SHITA-SAN
I'm worried...
I WONDER IF SOME-THING BAD HAPPENED.
WHAT SHOULD WE DOOO?
SOME FIRST-YEAR JERKS KICKED A CAN OF PAINT...
AND IT LANDED RIGHT ON US.
IS THAT PAINT?
OH MY..
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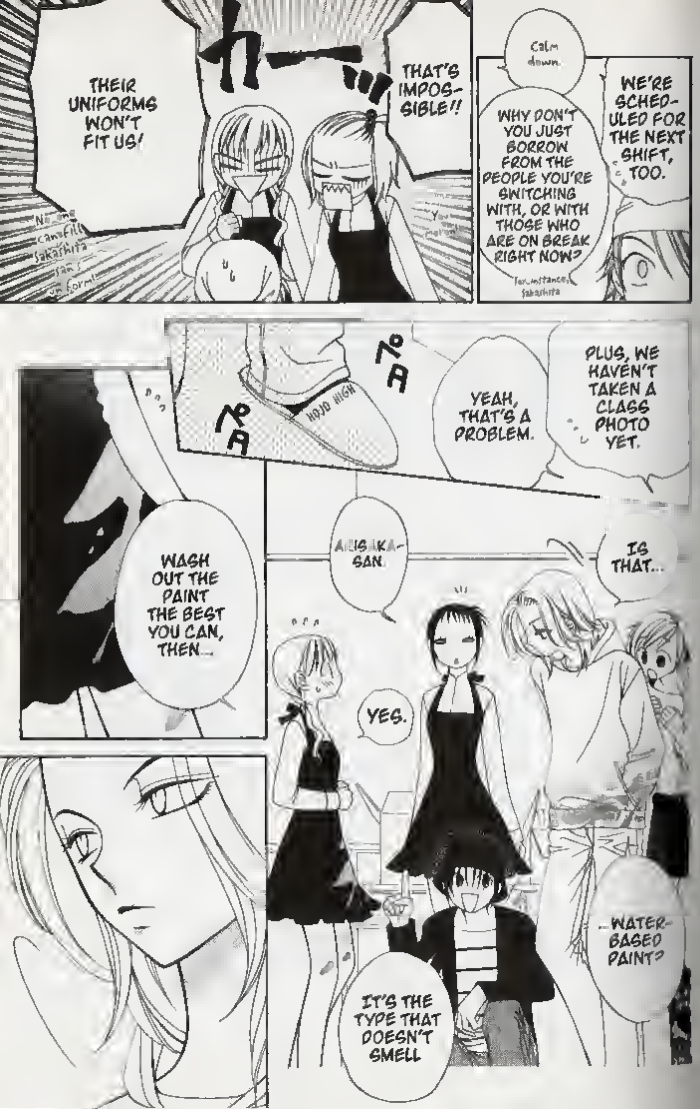

THEIR UNIFORMS WON'T FIT US!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
Calm down.
WE'RE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT SHIFT, TOO.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST BORROW FROM THE PEOPLE YOU'RE SWITCHING WITH, OR WITH THOSE WHO ARE ON BREAK RIGHT NOW?
for instance, Sakashita
Name Careful Sakashita Tan Form
HOJO HIGH
YEAH, THAT'S A PROBLEM.
PLUS, WE HAVEN'T TAKEN A CLASS PHOTO YET.
WASH OUT THE PAINT THE BEST YOU CAN, THEN...
AKIGI-KA-SAN.
IS THAT...
YES.
...WATER-BASED PAINT?
IT'S THE TYPE THAT DOESN'T SMELL

DO YOU HAVE LEFTOVER CLOTH?
PREFERABLY WHITE OR PASTEL-COLORED?
!
A-ARIGAKA-SAN?!
OUR CLASS HAS SOME LEFT OVER WHITE CLOTH.
NAGARE, CAN YOU GET IT FOR ME?
UH, OKAY.
HAVE SOME SEWING MACHINES READY TOO.
PREFERABLY TWO OF THEM.
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M GOING TO BE WORKING SOON.
WE'LL GET THAT STUFF TOGETHER RIGHT AWAY.
SAKASHITA?!
AKIYOSHI-KUN, I'M GOING TO BE GONE FOR A WHILE. CAN YOU MANAGE WITHOUT ME?
GO TO THE RESTROOM AND WASH OUT THE SKIRTS, THEN MEET UP IN THE DRESSING ROOM.
YEAH, SURE, GO FOR IT.
YES, SIR.
LIGHTLY PRESS THE STAIN WITH A WET TOWEL, THEN IRON OVER IT TO GET THE MOISTURE OUT

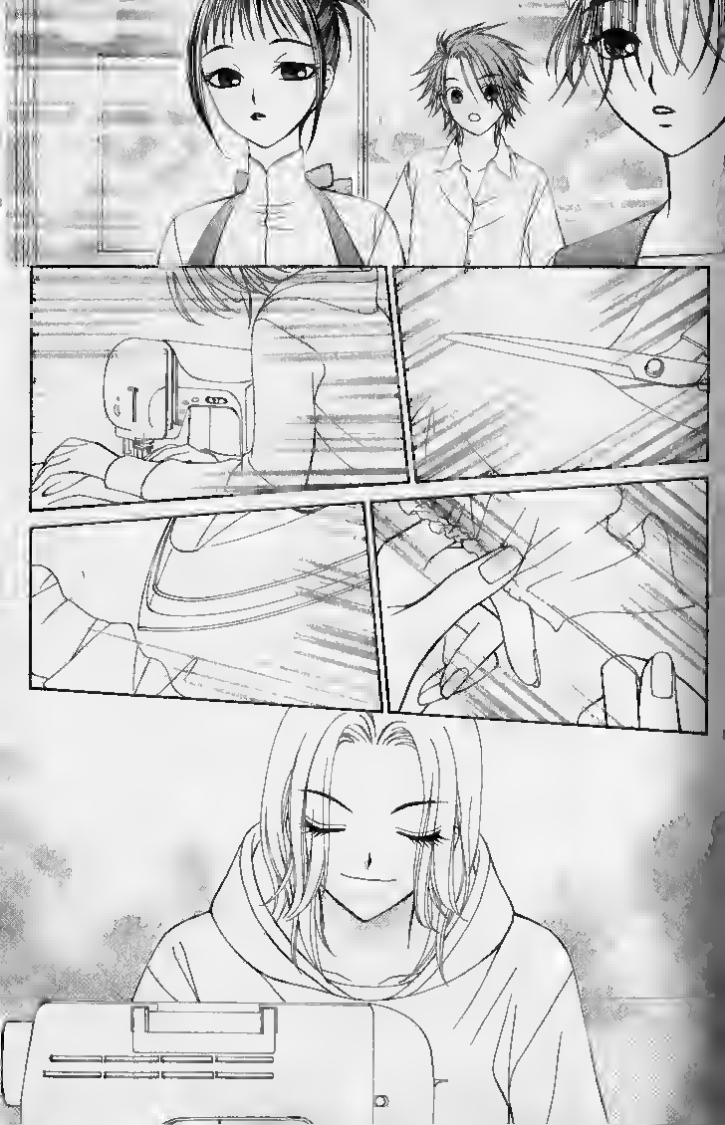
Class 3
I GOT TWO SEWING MACHINES
Put four desks together over there.
COULD THIS BE WHAT I THINK IT IS?
YOU WORK SO FAST.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN HEAVY
GOOD JOB
Mamoru-chan, you're awesome!

OHH, THAT STYLE
I THINK IT WAS SIX YEARS AGO
RIGHT
REMEMBER WHAT WE DID AT YOUR SCHOOL?
MITSU, HERE'S MY PLAN.

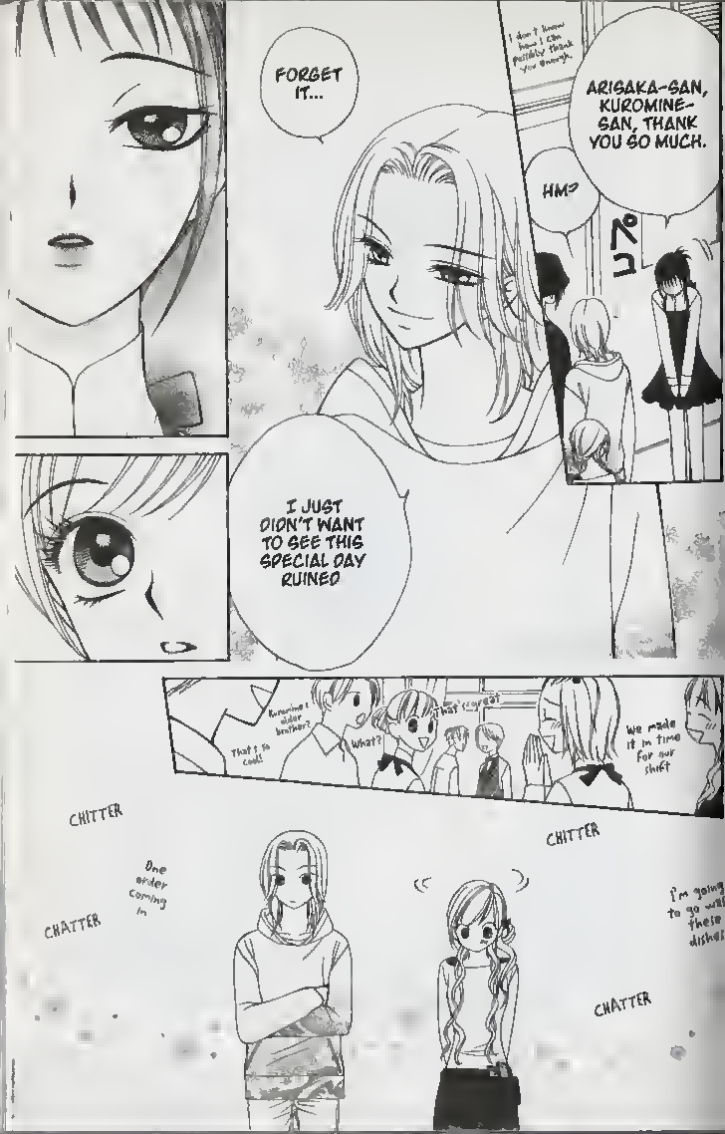
THAT'S ENOUGH. THANKS
HERE'S A LITTLE LESS THAN THREE METERS OF WHITE CLOTH

YOU TWO SIBLINGS ARE REALLY EFFICIENT

WELL, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO LET'S START CUTTING
ROGER.



Here
VOILA, IMPROMPTU APRONS.
OH MY GOSH, THEY LOOK SO SWEET!
You can't see the stains anymore, either
LIGHTNING SPEED!! THEY CERTAINLY ARE AMAZING
Wow! I'm so jealous!!
They look like they're cosplaying french maids!
THAT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE SEEN MY BRO PULL OFF THAT TRICK.
THAT'S PRETTY AWE-SOME.
WAIT, HOW COME YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSED?
Secretly pleased that his brother got praised.


FORGET IT...
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO SEE THIS SPECIAL DAY RUINED
I don't know how I can possibly thank you enough.
ARISAKA-SAN, KUROMINE-SAN, THANK YOU SO MUCH.
HM?
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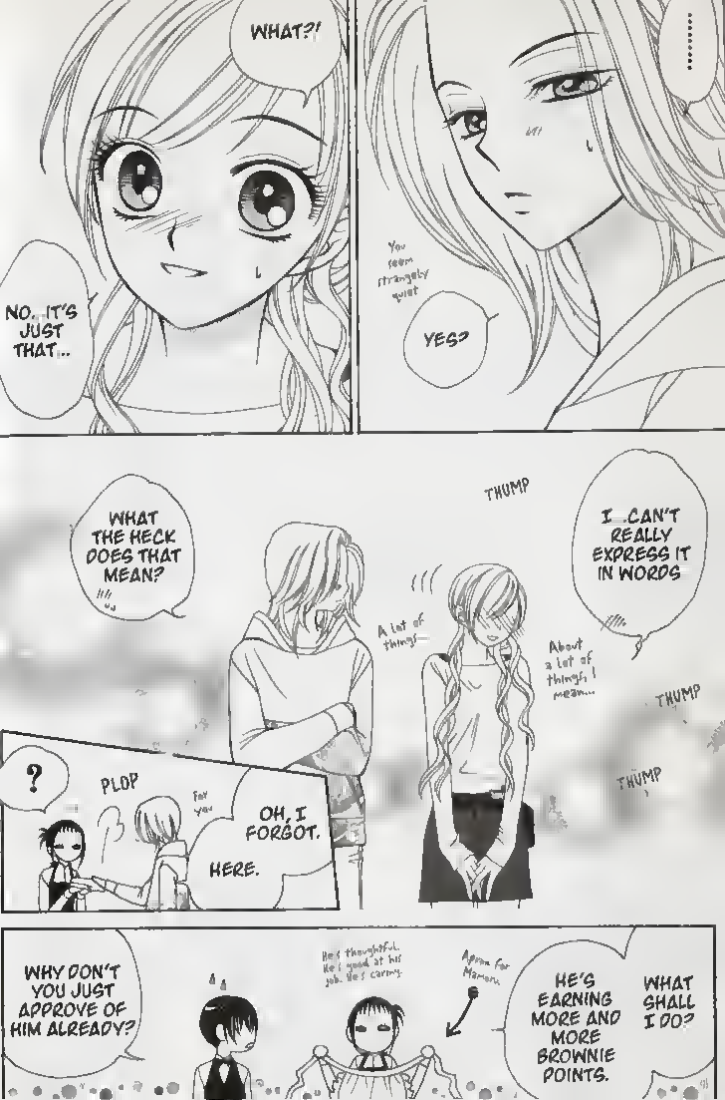
Kuromine's older brother?
That's so cool!
What?
What's up?
We made it in time for our shift
CHITTER
CHATTER
One order coming in
CHITTER
I'm going to go with these dishes
CHATTER


WHAT?!
NO, IT'S JUST THAT...
You seem strangely quiet
YES?
.....
WHAT THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN?
THUMP
I...CAN'T REALLY EXPRESS IT IN WORDS
A lot of things—
About a lot of things, I mean...
THUMP
THUMP
?
PLOP
For you
OH, I FORGOT.
HERE.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST APPROVE OF HIM ALREADY?
He's thoughtful. He's good at his job. He's caring.
Apron for Mamoru
HE'S EARNING MORE AND MORE BROWNIE POINTS.
WHAT SHALL I DO?

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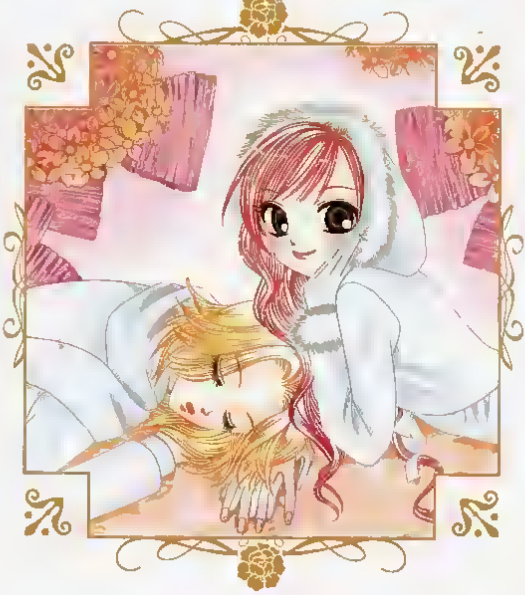

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Episode 31

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CHATTER
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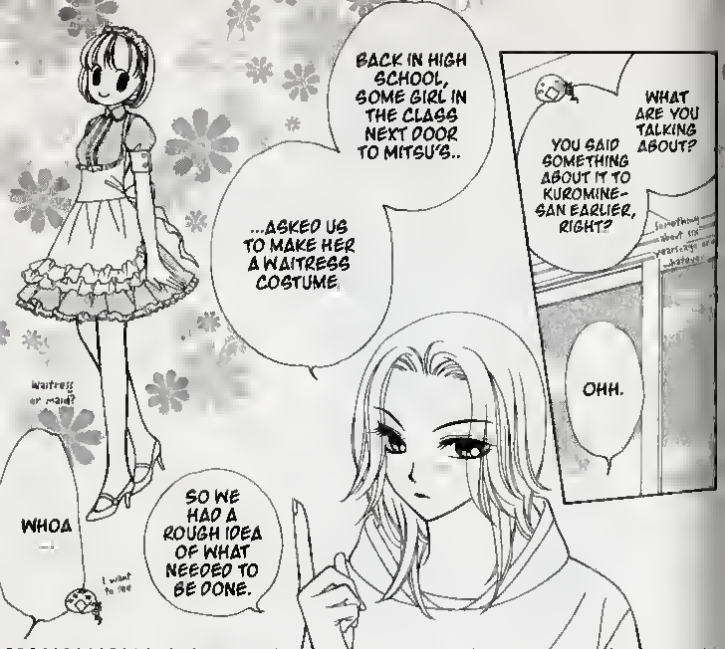
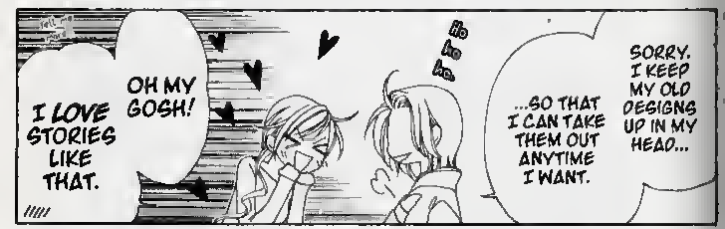
Welcome
SERI-OUSLY...
WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME, EVEN ON MY DAY OFF?
SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS GOOD OLD GOLDEN SCHOOL DAYS HEE!
You could have fain me, you know
Even at a cultural festival, we ended up not seeing
Ha ha ha.
Secretly loved every minute.
H-HEY...
That voice
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
SQUIRM
SQUIRM

...COOL.
YOU WERE KIND OF...
TH-THA...
...THANKS.
THIS!
THIS IS WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR!!
GAAAAAAH!
ANYONE HAVE ANY EAR PLUGS?
SQUEEZE
HEY YOU! TALK TO ME!
GUH!
WHACK

WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
Does this job have workers comp?
TALK. TALK ABOUT ANYTHING. JUST TALK.
Errrgh...
MUST SAY...
...SOME-THING...
pfft.
Umph...
I tried it.
BOW
Thanks!
NOW, WAS THAT SO HARD, GEHA?
GREAT JOB ON THE IMPROMPTU APRON-MAKING.

IT WAS UNBE-LIEVABLE. REALLY.
YOU DID IT IN NO TIME, TOO.
EEE
EEP!
IT ISN'T ALL THAT AMAZING FOR PRO-FESSIONAL TAILORS, REALLY.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THEIR SIZES, YOU HAD NO PATTERNS...
No big deal
DON'T BLOW IT OUT OF PROPOR-TION.
IT WAS JUST A QUICK-FIX, SO IT WAS REALLY SIMPLE.
THE ONE NE MADE A LONG TIME AGO NAG A LOT FANCIER.
Ummm
OH.


BACK IN HIGH SCHOOL, SOME GIRL IN THE CLASS NEXT DOOR TO MITSU'S..
...ASKED US TO MAKE HER A WAITRESS COSTUME
SO WE HAD A ROUGH IDEA OF WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.
WHOA
Waitress or maid?
I want to see
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT IT TO KUROMINE-SAN EARLIER, RIGHT?
OHH.


I LOVE STORIES LIKE THAT.
OH MY GOSH!
Ha ha ha.
...SO THAT I CAN TAKE THEM OUT ANYTIME I WANT.
SORRY. I KEEP MY OLD DESIGNS UP IN MY HEAD...

HEY.. WHY ARE YOU QUIET AGAIN ALL OF A SUDDEN?
Momentary panic
..HUH?
Do You have any pictures?
It makes me laugh
SHE SOUNDS SO EXCITED.

I'M ALMOST DONE WITH THAT BAG. ♪
OKAY...
Umm...
YOU INSPIRE ME.
SCREAM.
HUH?
I TOTALLY FEEL LIKE MAKING SOMETHING RIGHT NOW!!
AAAACK!
Roar!
WHEN I'M AROUND YOU, I FEEL LIKE, "YEAH, I'M GONNA DO THIS TOO!!"
I HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH YOU, YOU SEE.

Mamori-san's done with her chair
AGEHA, I'M GOING TO GO CHANGE.
OH, OKAY.
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY EMERGENCY CALLS FROM RIRIKO, SO I'M STILL OKAY.
YEAH.
ARISAKA-SAN, ARE WE STILL OKAY ON TIME?
I still have one more place I want to stop by.
WHAT?
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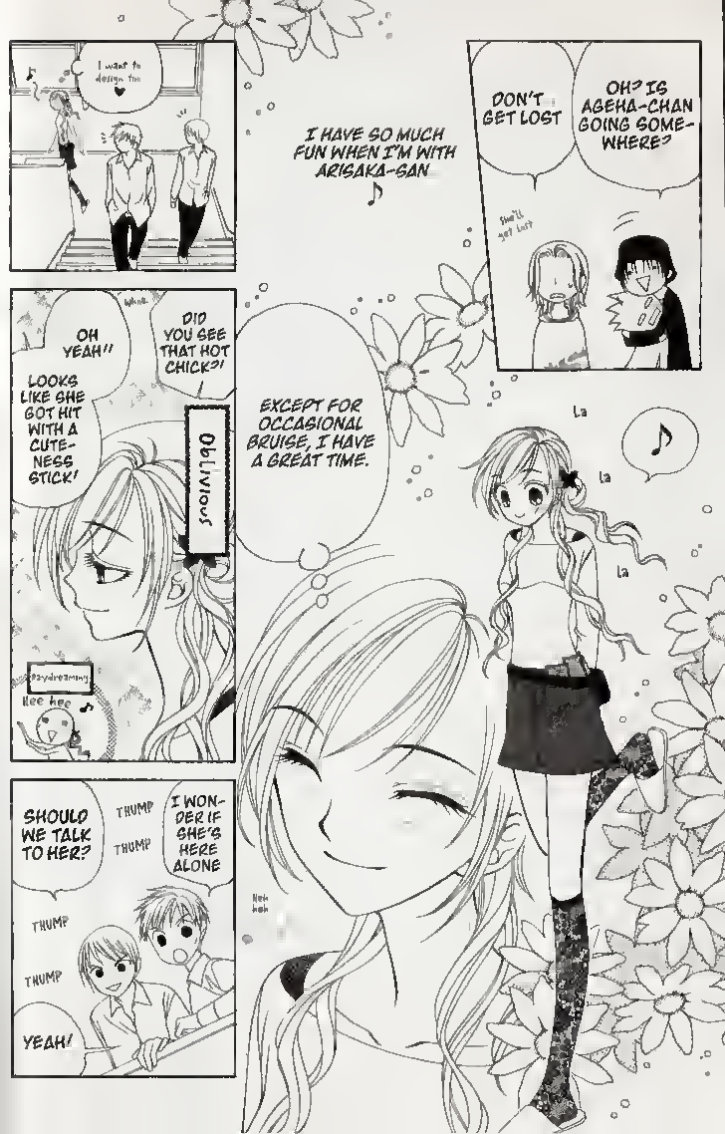
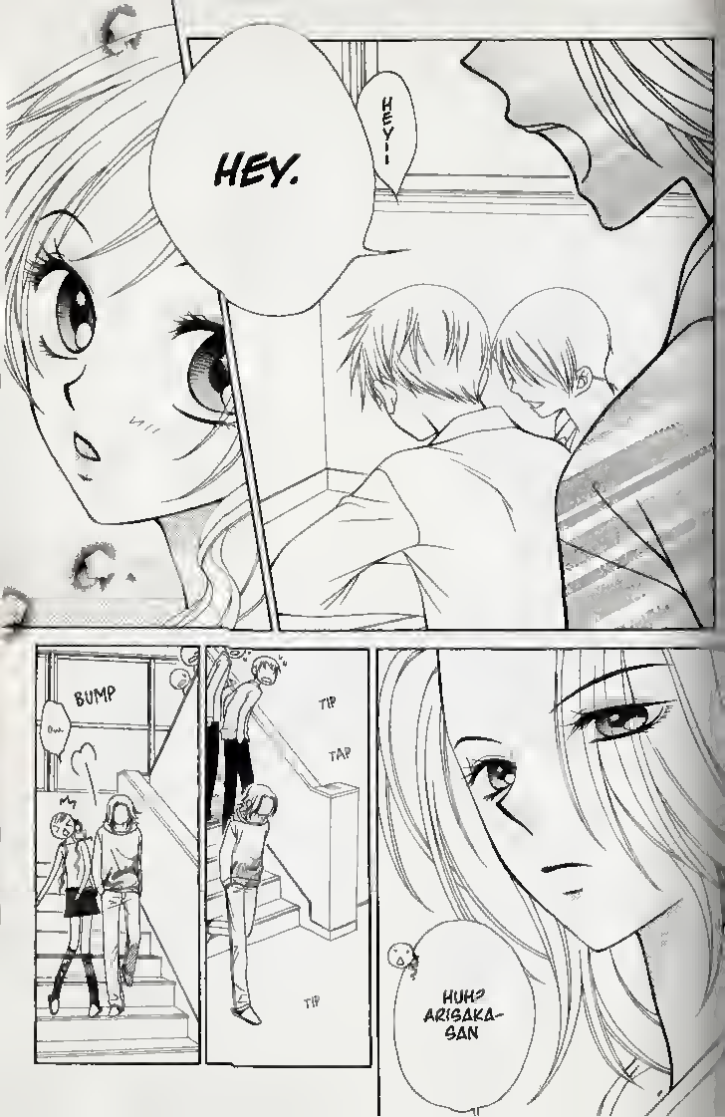
WHOOSH
THEN I'M GOING TO GO BUY SOME DRINKS.
Ageha's a perpetual-motion machine
OOF.
TAP
NEVER GONNA HAPPEN.


I want to design too
I HAVE SO MUCH FUN WHEN I'M WITH ARISAKA-SAN ♪
DON'T GET LOST
OH? IS AGEHA-CHAN GOING SOME-WHERE?
She'll get lost
EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL BRUISE, I HAVE A GREAT TIME.
La
la
la
♪
Oblivious
OH YEAH!!
DID YOU SEE THAT HOT CHICK?!
LOOKS LIKE SHE GOT HIT WITH A CUTE-NESS STICK!
daydreaming
Hee hee
SHOULD WE TALK TO HER?
THUMP
THUMP
I WON-DER IF SHE'S HERE ALONE
THUMP
THUMP
YEAH!
Hee-hee


HEY.
HEY!!
BUMP
Ow..
TIP
TAP
TIP
HUH? ARISAKA-SAN

GLARE
The startled girl
Indeed the girl
Obviously she had romance with her
FROZEN SOLID
?
STARE
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
ZOOOM
DON'T GET AHEAD OF YOURSELVES, LITTLE BOYS

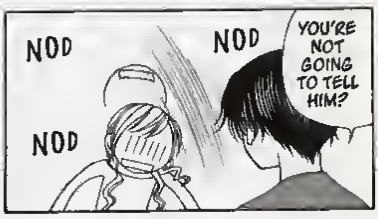
Naivete, thy name is Ageha.
HOW DOES SHE KEEP FROM GETTING INTO EVEN MORE TROUBLE THAN SHE DOES?
?
Her good-luck charm?
And you came to tell me you wanted a drink too?
Heh heh
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE THE VENDING MACHINE IS?
Um...
SURE
I HEARD THAT IT'S AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS
I'LL GO WITH...
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LIKE THEM MAKE KUROMINE LOOK LIKE A MONK...
AM I BEING TOO OVER-PROTECTIVE?! NO WAY!
?
THIS GIRL NEEDS A KEEPER!
OR MAYBE I'M JUST BEING WAY TOO POS-SESSIVE.

C'MON, I'M NOT SO CLUMSY THAT I CAN'T CARRY A FEW CANS OF JUICE BY MYSELF.
Ha ha ha
Okay...
I mean, come on.
THESE HALLS ARE FILLED WITH DANGER
BE CAREFUL!
Yeah, yeah.
Hey you guys!
AGEHA-CHAN.

OH, I SEE
I JUST WENT BACK TO MY CLASS FOR A BIT
BEEP
CLUNK
NAT-CHAN
WHERE'D YOU DISAP-PEAR TO?
I can hold three cans
YEEES?
HEY, AGEHA-CHAN..
WHAT ???
in a high pitched voice
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ARISAKA SAN THAT YOU LIKE HIM?
ROLL...

A mean thing to do...
YOU SHOULD GIVE THAT ONE TO KUROMINE-SAN.
Talking about Haruya.
YES, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
This one is hers.
Kuro.
Hah ha ha ha ha.
Flustered.
OH, NO!! THE SODA!
Soda
Tea
It's all shook up!

RIGHT NOW, I'M SO...
I...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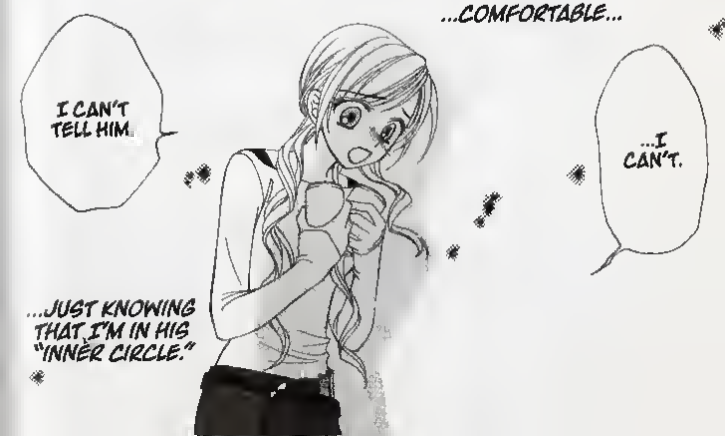
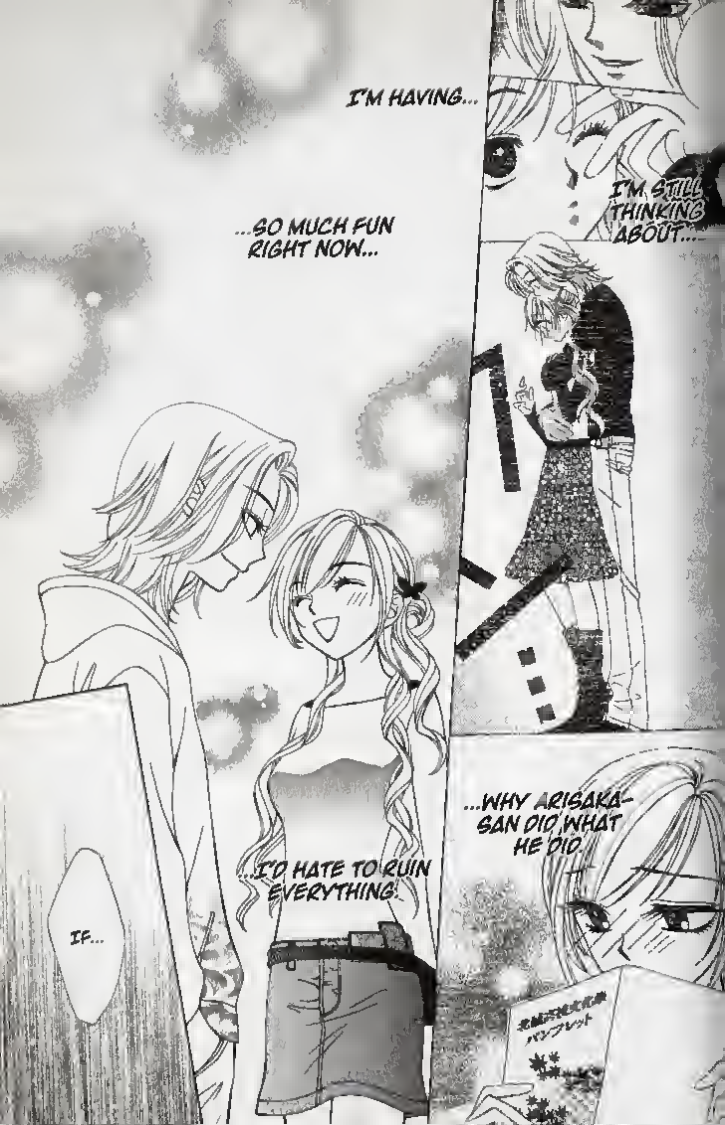
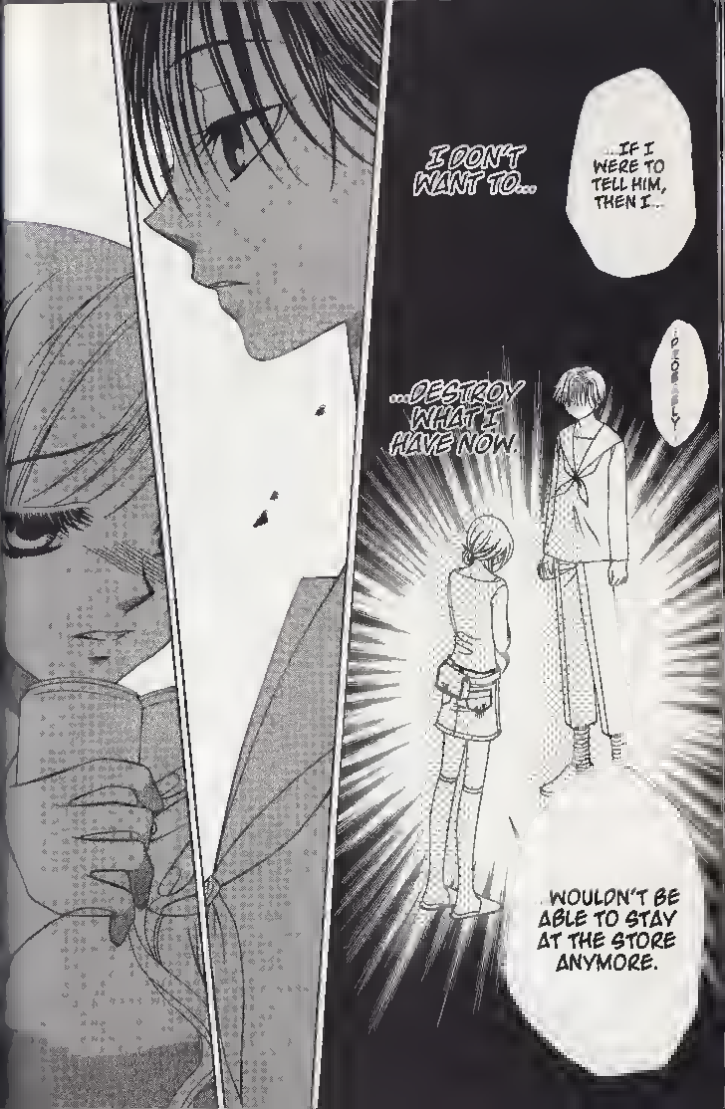
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL HIM?


...COMFORTABLE...
I CAN'T TELL HIM.
...I CAN'T.
...JUST KNOWING THAT I'M IN HIS "INNER CIRCLE."


I'M HAVING...
...SO MUCH FUN RIGHT NOW...
I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT...
...WHY ARISAKA-SAN DID WHAT HE DID...
...I'D HATE TO RUIN EVERYTHING.
IF...


I DON'T WANT TO...
...IF I WERE TO TELL HIM, THEN I...
...DESTROY WHAT I HAVE NOW.
...IF I DO SO...
WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STAY AT THE STORE ANYMORE.

Did you say something?
WHAT?
YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL.
MUMBLE
Ageha chan, you're shaking the chair again
SORRY IF MY QUESTION WAS RUDE
TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING IS...E-EMBARRASSING
OH NO, IT'S NOT THAT
Why?
Ha ha ha ha
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH, YEAH
WHAT?!
...I FEEL LIKE I JUST GOT PULLED BACK INTO REALITY AGAIN.
TE-TIME...
Heh heh
IT JUST IS.
BUT NOW

AH!
heh heh
heh
I can't miss out on this!!
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH MY SISTER IN THAT UNIFORM?
YEAH.
AGEHA-CHAN.
Tell me.
What if it rains?
びしっ
OH MY, A HAT.
It's so chic.
MEOW?
カ
SMILE NOW.
click
ミャッ!
Wonder flower
マシロッ!
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After I finished an assignment this January, I had a New Year's party with my assistants!!

I now have another temporary assistant♥ Her name is Sato-san. She's a really funny and beautiful young lady♪

By the way, we only have people who are born in the year of the tiger or the dragon in our office. My friends tell me that we sound like a powerful bunch. (LOL)

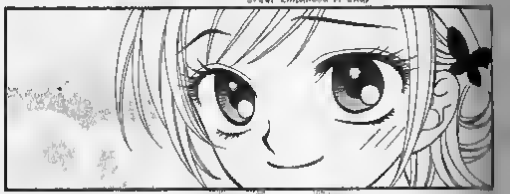
(OL) Rawrrr!!

Yipeeee!

My assistants came in two or three at a time. The number changes depending on the day. Everyone came in on the last day of the year because we were having a New Year's party.

After we finished working, we went to eat dinner at a restaurant that has great hamburgers♪ And then at night, we had a mystery baking party. "Mystery baking," (named by Ohno-san) is basically baking things inside of a takoyaki maker that's filled with pancake mix and whatever else you want to throw in, like chocolate or potato chips or cheese-filled fish-shaped pastries. It was really thrilling to see how each would taste. (Continued in the next column.)

Great childhood friends



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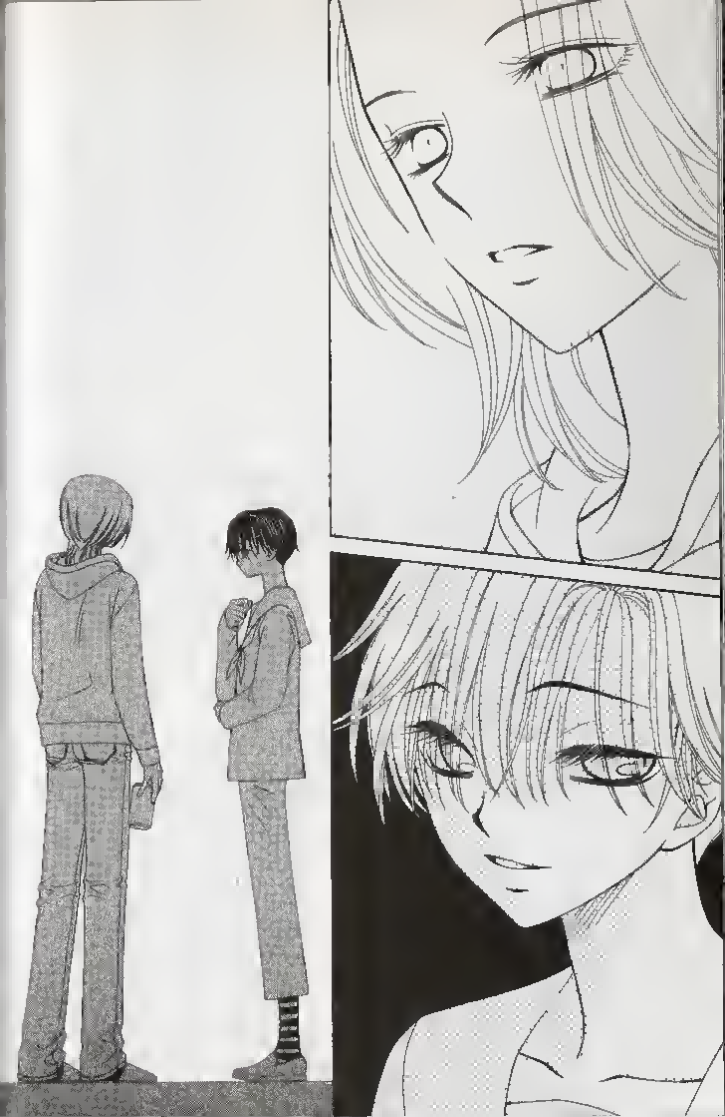
IT'S ALL RIGHT IT'S IMPORTANT TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS.
THANK YOU!
I'LL COME BACK SOON, OKAY?
I'M SOOOO SORRY, ARISAKA-SAN.
Yeah.
ABOUT THE DRINKS, ARISAKA-SAN...
SO LET'S TAKE THE PICTURE, SHALL WE?
MAMORU-CHAN, HE SAID OKAY. ♡
NOT WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR.
YOU MUST BE TIRED
...NAT-CHAN SAID HE'D BRING THEM TO YOU.

AGEHA-CHAN DROPPED THE SODA...
SO YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T OPEN IT RIGHT AWAY.
This is kinda scary...
... THANKS.
Thanks for letting us borrow
COME BACK SOON...
I'LL REALLY BE RIGHT BACK.
See you later!
ピッ
ピッ
CHITTER
CHITTER
CHITTER
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
...ALWAYS PUTS HER HEART AND SOUL INTO EVERYTHING.
.....
I HOPE HE DIDN'T POISON IT.
GO FOR IT, YUKARI-KUN!!
PICK!
キュン
AGEHA-CHAN...

...WHEN SHE REALLY LIKES SOME-ONE.
I GUESS SHE'S THE SAME WAY...
BUT..
..WHENEVER I WATCH HER LATELY, SHE LOOKS TROUBLED.

THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO THE OTHER PERSON.
I HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT...
"HEY YUKARI..."
SHE'S SENSITIVE I COULD EASILY HURT HER.
"I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR NORMAL SELF."
"WHY ARE WE GOING OUT ANYWAY?"
I CAN'T JUST THINK OF MYSELF.



...JUST TO COME HERE TODAY.
YOU TOOK TIME OUT...
YUKARI-KUN...
CHITTER
CHATTER
OH...
...I'M TALKING TOO MUCH, AREN'T I?
I'M SORRY.
I WISH YOU LUCK WITH YOUR WORK
...AND EVERY-THING ELSE.
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ARISAKA-SAAAN! I'M BACK!
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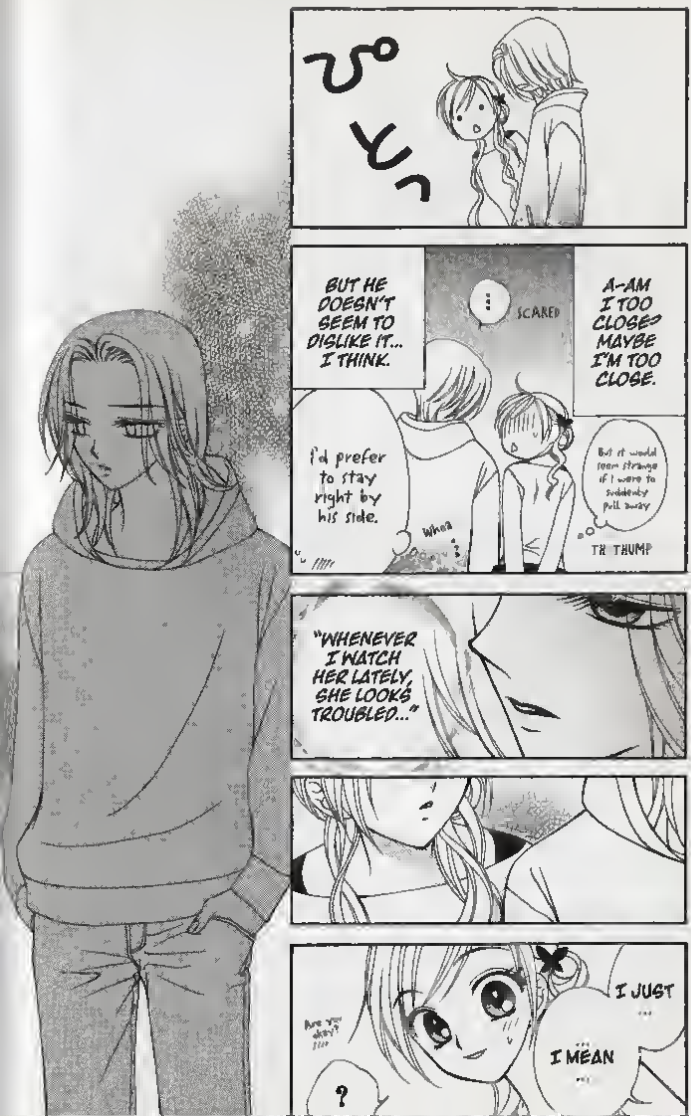
LET'S TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER!!
I'M SORRY, BUT I WAS QUICK, WASN'T I?
COME ON.
HEY, ARISAKA-SAN..
..WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE SODA I DROPPED?
DID YOU HAVE FUN?
OH.
THANKS, NAT-CHAN
YES
HUH
ARISAKA-SAN?
AGEHA-CHAN

WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF WE GAVE IT TO SHIZUYA-KUN?
TH THUMP
HM?
HEY, KURO-MINE-SAN
ABOUT THAT CAN
WHISPER
...IT'S RIGHT HERE
KUROMINE-SAN.
Sorry to keep you waiting
THAT SOUNDS WAAAAY FUN. ♡
Mean spirited
Yaay! I knew you'd agree!
SHAKE
SHAKE
Being evil, eh
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
Hee hee.
Come here
Hm?
Shizuya-kun ♥
Shizuya-kun ♥
Hee hee

AGEHA-CHAN IS...
ALL OVER HIM, HUH?
OH...
HA HA
HEH HEH
You two siblings are really efficient
HE CALLED US "EFFI-CIENT."
ARISAKA-SAN IS ACTING WEIRD
THAT'S TRUE.
ARE YOU INTIMIDATED?

NAH
I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN
. THAT I'LL WIN, BUT.

I THINK
...I MIGHT STILL HAVE A CHANCE.
AGAH!
SO...
HMM?


BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO DISLIKE IT... I THINK.
SCARED
A-AM I TOO CLOSE? MAYBE I'M TOO CLOSE.
I'd prefer to stay right by his side.
But it would seem strange if I were to suddenly pull away
TH THUMP
"WHENEVER I WATCH HER LATELY, SHE LOOKS TROUBLED..."
I JUST ... I MEAN ...
?

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"WHENEVER I WATCH HER LATELY, SHE LOOKS TROUBLED."
HIS WORDS COULD BE TAKEN AS A WARNING.
OR MAYBE...
HE SAW HOW DIFFICULT ALL OF THIS IS FOR HER.

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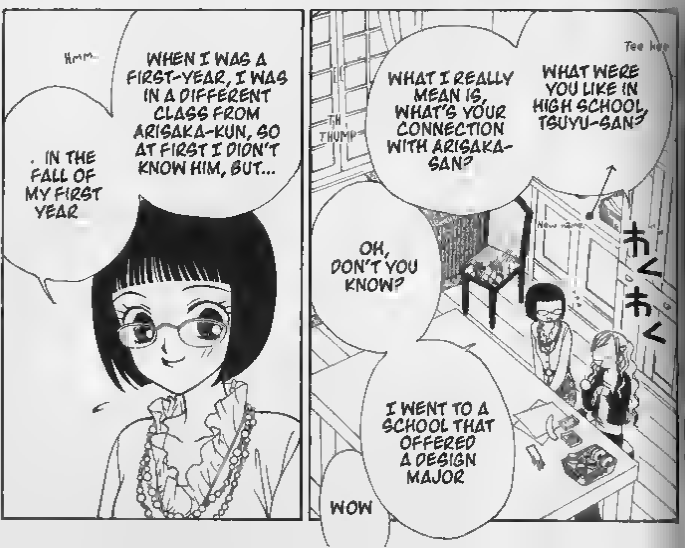
I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN IT TOO.
ARISAKA-SAN AND KUROMINE-SAN SAVED THE DAY BY MAKING IMPROMPTU APRONS.
Ohhh
I USUALLY DON'T LIKE CROWDS, BUT
IT SOUNDED LIKE A LOT OF FUN, AGEHA-CHAN.
AH, CULTURAL FESTIVALS ♡


Hmm
WHEN I WAS A FIRST-YEAR, I WAS IN A DIFFERENT CLASS FROM ARISAKA-KUN, SO AT FIRST I DION'T KNOW HIM, BUT...
. IN THE FALL OF MY FIRST YEAR
Tee hee
WHAT WERE YOU LIKE IN HIGH SCHOOL, TSUYU-SAN?
WHAT I REALLY MEAN IS, WHAT'S YOUR CONNECTION WITH ARISAKA-SAN?
TH THUMP
OH, DON'T YOU KNOW?
I WENT TO A SCHOOL THAT OFFERED A DESIGN MAJOR
WOW
New Game
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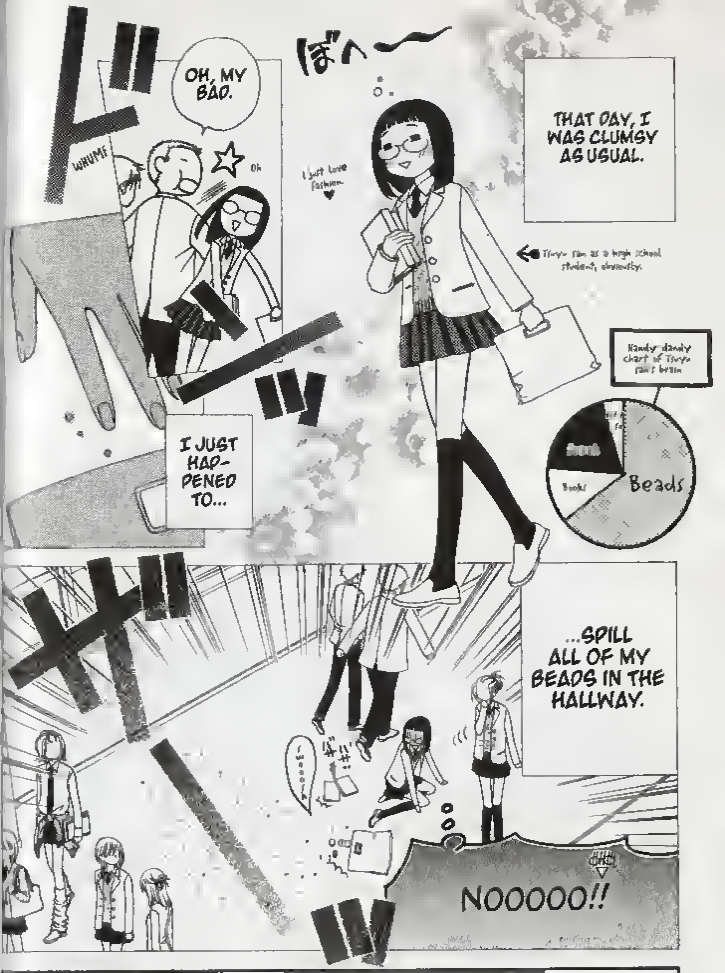
OH, MY BAD.
WHUMP
Ok
I just love Fashion~
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THAT DAY, I WAS CLUMSY AS USUAL.
Tiny~ Tim as a high school student, obviously.
Handy dandy chart of Tiny~ Tim's brain
Beads
Books
I JUST HAP-PENED TO...
...SPILL ALL OF MY BEADS IN THE HALLWAY.
clack clack
NOOOOO!!
YES, I SEE.
GET THE PICTURE?
IT WAS MY FAULT. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH FASHION.
Bob bob bob
Oh no
Sigh
I secretly loved you
YOU DID THE SAME THING WHEN I FIRST MET YOU.

crack...?
CRACK
OH CRAP. I STEPPED ON SOMETHING.
I WAS TOTALLY IN A PANIC.
WHAT SHOULD I DOOOOO?
...CRUSHING MY DREAMS UNDER THEIR FEET.
EVERYONE JUST WALKED ON BY...
GLASS, I GUESS.
SNAP
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
CRACK
PLEASE DON'T STEP ON THEM!!
ERRRR
I WAS TRYING TO...
...PICK UP ALL OF THE BEADS THAT I SPILLED.
IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT

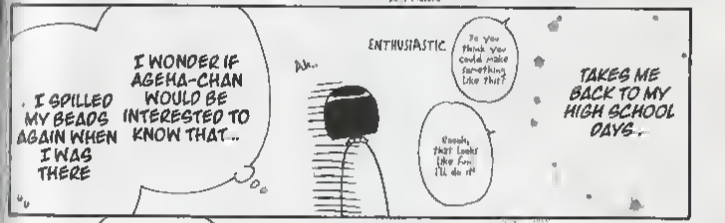
NOBODY MOVE!!
O-OKAY.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP, THEN AT LEAST DON'T MAKE MATTERS WORSE
WHAT?
DON'T STEP THERE
SUDDENLY, HE APPEARED BEFORE ME.

A BOY WHO WAS BEAUTY ITSELF...
...STOPPED EVERYONE'S FEET WITH HIS COMMANDING VOICE ALONE.
THIS MAY BE HOPE-LESS, THOUGH
Y-YES, SIR.
DON'T JUST SPACE OUT NOW! PICK THEM UP!
UM... THANK YOU...
WHA...?

SWEEP
SWEEP
FIDGET
SWEEP
SWEEP
FIDGET
OH...
...OKAY.
ガラッ
YOU.
LEND ME A BROOM.
Intimidating even back then
THERE.
A PLASTIC BAG FROM A SUPER-MARKET?!
Where did he get that?!
Lawk's Supermarket
TOTALLY COMMANDEERED THE SITUATION.
OKAY.
HERE.
I'LL HELP YOU SORT THROUGH THEM AFTER SCHOOL, SO HOLD ON TO THIS BAG.

TAP
HEY.
OW.
WHEN YOU FIRST MEET HIM, HE CAN BE SCARY..
BUT ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW HIM, HE'S STILL SCARY
I know what you mean...
What's up with that?
Dunno
THE VAST CHASM BETWEEN HIS SWEET APPEARANCE AND HIS MANNER IS JUST SO CHARMING ♡
Heh heh
LIKE YOU SHOULD TALK
ARISAKA-SAN, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR TEMPER.
If that's even possible
Both of them have short tempers!
DON'T TRASH ME BEHIND MY BACK LIKE THAT
Look the kid's crying
ARISAKA-SAN.
Piff
I HELPED HER BECAUSE I WAS JUST SO IRRITATED BY EVERYONE'S ATTITUDE
ARISAKA-SAN—YOU HAVEN'T REALLY CHANGED AT ALL.

Sorry
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP WITH?
YOU MIGHT TRY SAYING "PLEASE."
NOW, COME OVER HERE AND HELP ME.
FAT LOT YOU KNOW.
THEY'RE CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH.


I SPILLED MY BEADS AGAIN WHEN I WAS THERE
I WONDER IF AGEHA-CHAN WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT..
Ah..
ENTHUSIASTIC.
Do you think you could make something like this?
Sounds like fun. I'll do it!
TAKES ME BACK TO MY HIGH SCHOOL DAYS..

He didn't seem the type. Hm
I DION'T THINK KUROMINE-KUN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING DRESS PATTERNS.
THUMP THUMP
BUT I NEVER WOULD HAVE IMAGINED..
...ARIGAKA-KUN WAS FRIENDS WITH KUROMINE-KUN
IT WAS FATE.

I SEE THAT YOU CAME...
I HAVE TO THANK ARISAKA KUN!..
ICHI HASHI!
IS HE A WICKED, EVIL MAGICIAN?!
...TO DELIVER YOUR BEAD-WORKS
Would he...
...just appear like that?

I HOPE YOU CAN STAY FOR A BIT.
I HOPE I DIDN'T PUT YOU TO TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
DID YOU COME BY TRAIN? OR BY CAR?
I...HAVEN'T MENTALLY PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS ENCOUNTER

Conditioned reflex
B-BY... CAR.
Meep
I SEE
TEA TIME!
TEA?
IT'S MORE THAN I DE-SERVE.
AT LEAST STAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
BUT... BUT...

MITSUYA-SAMA IS INVINCIBLE.
IS THAT REALLY ALL YOU'RE GOING TO SAY ABOUT IT?!!
There's no stopping him
Poor Tsuyu-san
COME ON, DON'T BE SHY.
SHOULDN'T WE HOSE DOWN MITSUYA-SAMA BEFORE HE FRIGHTENS HER TO DEATH?
Doesn't he ever stop?
Heh heh
THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN AT IT SINCE HIGH SCHOOL.
?
"At it"?
Since high school?
I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
YOU MEANIE.
HEY, ARISAKA-SAN.
What's dango-ness exactly?
TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS.

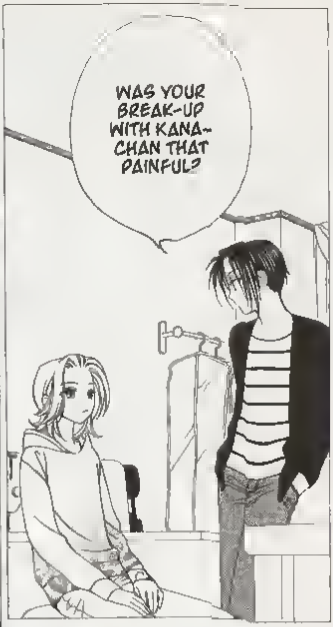
YUKARI-KUN...
I don't like talking about myself
Zzzzzzzzz...
WHY DON'T YOU WRAP IT UP FOR TODAY?
GET SOME REST.
YOU'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY
... YEAH.

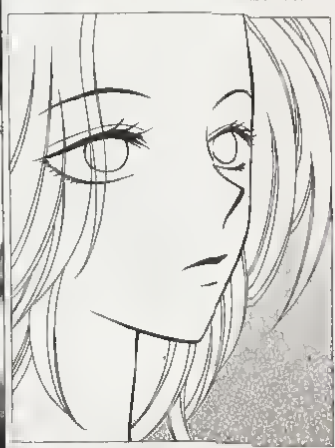
YOU NEED TO TAKE TIME TO CHILL OUT
トスッ
Good work
THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL WORE YOU OUT RIGHT?
YUKARI-KUN?!
...SORRY, I'M JUST A LITTLE FRUSTRATED
ズキン ズキン
JUST
...LOTS OF STUFF ON MY MIND.
Ouch
ガバッ
Dude, that really hurt ;(

HE'S JUST ACTING BIG-HEADED BECAUSE HE CAN READ YOU LIKE A BOOK.
URGH...
YOU'RE LETTING THAT NAGARE GET TO YOU.
DON'T LET HIM SEE YOU SWEAT.
"WHENEVER I WATCH HER LATELY, SHE LOOKS TROUBLED."
I REALLY AM TROUBLING HER...
—IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF MY INABILITY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP
I'm sorry.
I'm talking too much, aren't I?
He's an expert at playing mind games.
Obviously, he was trying to get to me.
WHICH, IN YOUR CASE, IS PRETTY LIGHT READING.
HE SEES HOW YOU FEEL AND USES IT AGAINST YOU.
DON'T LET HIM PUSH YOUR BUTTONS.
SHOW HIM HE CAN'T DO THAT TO YOU.
You're twice the guy he is.

HAVE YOU ASKED AGEHA-CHAN IF SHE'S REALLY TROUBLED?
WELL, NO...
ALTHOUGH IT'S PROBABLY TRUE.
Refer to Episode 17
Hmmm
IMPATIENT
HEY, I KNOW! CUT THE CRAP! TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL!
Forget it!
IF IT WERE YOU INSTEAD OF ME, COULD YOU SAY IT?
Well, could you?
Tsk tsk.
I'M NOT YOU.
Grr
COME FEAST ON MY LOVE.
I'M YOURS, DARLING!
I HATE HIM SOMETIMES
BUT, I'LL ANSWER ANYWAY.
flock
to me.
love
love
HUH?

THERE WAS NO WAY IT COULD HAVE CONTINUED ON LIKE THAT.
NO.
THAT.. WAS...
BUT HAVING SAID THAT...
. I CAUSED KANA A LOT OF PAIN.
. INEVI- TABLE.


WAS YOUR BREAK-UP WITH KANA-CHAN THAT PAINFUL?



..THAT I MIGHT..
SHE'S SO YOUNG AND IDEALISTIC.
...HURT AGEHA THE SAME WAY.
YUKARI-KUN
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T TAKE THE NEXT STEP WITH OUR LITTLE ONE?
I HURT ONE GIRL...
I HURT HER JUST BY LOVING MY WORK
..MORE THAN I DID A HUMAN BEING
I DON'T WANT TO HURT AGEHA-CHAN LIKE THAT
I'M SCARED TO THINK

SHUT UP!!
I'M TRYING TO BE SERIOUS HERE.
TH-THUMP
Bishonen Fantasy-time
Do you want me to share some of my manly desires with you?
WILL YOU LISTEN TO YOURSELF?
YOU'RE ALMOST 23 AND YOU'RE TALKING LIKE YOU'RE IN A TEEN ROMANCE.
SHRUG HIM OFF.
BUT BACK TO NAGARE
HIS WORDS ARE POISON
IT'S THE FACT THAT HE SAID IT..
OH.
.. THAT MAKES HIS WORDS SO INTIMIDATING.
MY WORK IS MY LIFE!
BUT WHAT A LIFE!
Dresses are much easier to contemplate than those who wear them.
AIN'T THAT THE TRUTH?

(Continuation) The baking process was so much fun, and it tasted really great too!

HOT HOT

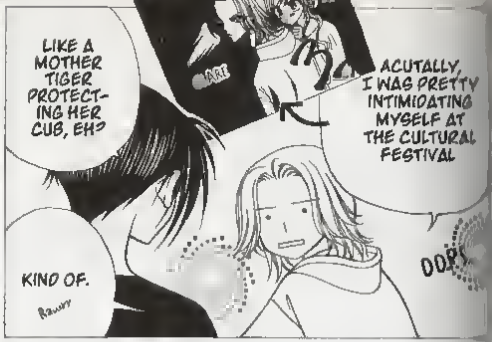
After that, we had an UNO party ☆ It's a fun card game ♪ The competition was fierce, in a good way LOL It's so much fun trying to guess your opponent's hand The battle between Maeda-san and me was extremely funny

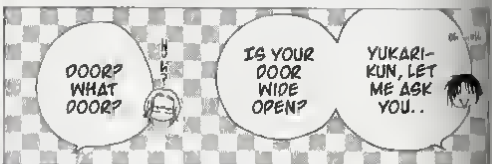
Nearly New Year's

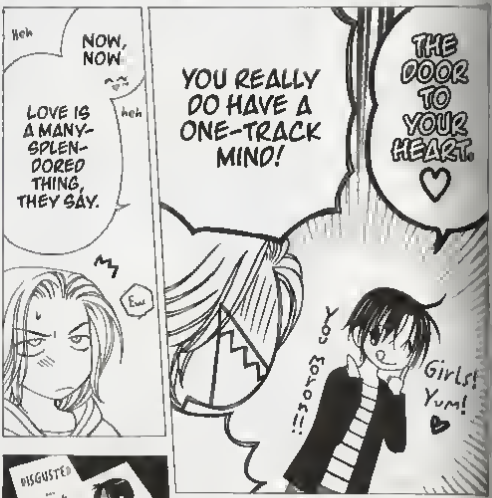
Hurray!

The next day for lunch, we went to a restaurant that serves great pasta ♪ It was so good! ☆ I was especially happy that everyone enjoyed it ♥ I love good Italian food! ♪ Then, after two hours of karaoke, we went back home and had another UNO party We actually bought another deck of UNO cards on the way back from lunch!! We had another grueling competition with the mountain of cards! LOL We had fun and it brought us all closer together ♪ Thank you guys for your help all of the time I love you all! ♪ Let's go to Kyoto this fall! ♪

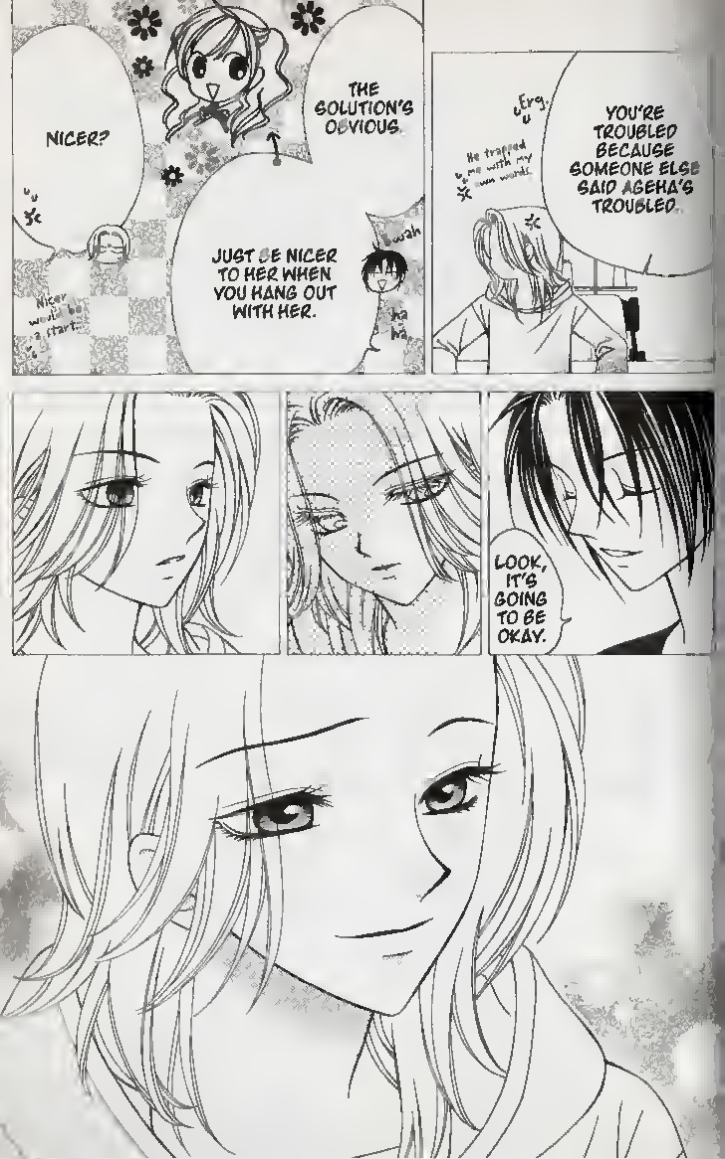
And that concludes Hinaka's New Year's party report.


LIKE A MOTHER TIGER PROTECTING HER CUB, EH?
ACUTALLY, I WAS PRETTY INTIMIDATING MYSELF AT THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL
KIND OF.
Raury
DOP!





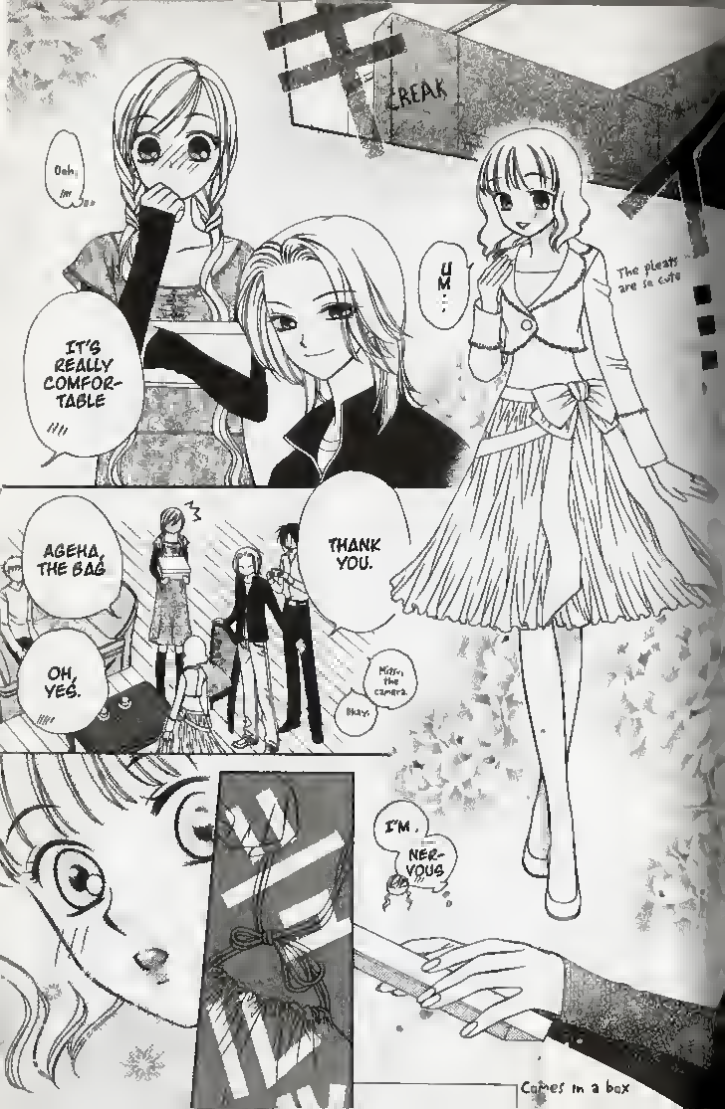
Ha ha ha
SAVE SOME OF THOSE INSULTS FOR NAGARE-KUN.
I CAN NEVER TELL WHEN YOU'RE BEING SERIOUS.
ARE YOU A PERV OR AN IDIOT?
GRR!
GRR
RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WHAT.
YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT.
Who me?
...THEN YOU'D HAVE NO REASON TO BE WORRIED, RIGHT?
NO
NAGARE
OR BETTER YET, IGNORE NAGARE-KUN...
Well yeah...
I'M SAYING THAT DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR.
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
Yes, because I am a genius.
Black cat?
Meow
I SHOULD RUN AWAY?
STAY OUT OF HIS PATH.
NO.


NICER?
Nicer would be a start...
THE SOLUTION'S OBVIOUS.
JUST BE NICER TO HER WHEN YOU HANG OUT WITH HER.
Waah
Ha Ha
Erg.
He trapped me with my own words.
YOU'RE TROUBLED BECAUSE SOMEONE ELSE SAID AGEHA'S TROUBLED.
LOOK, IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

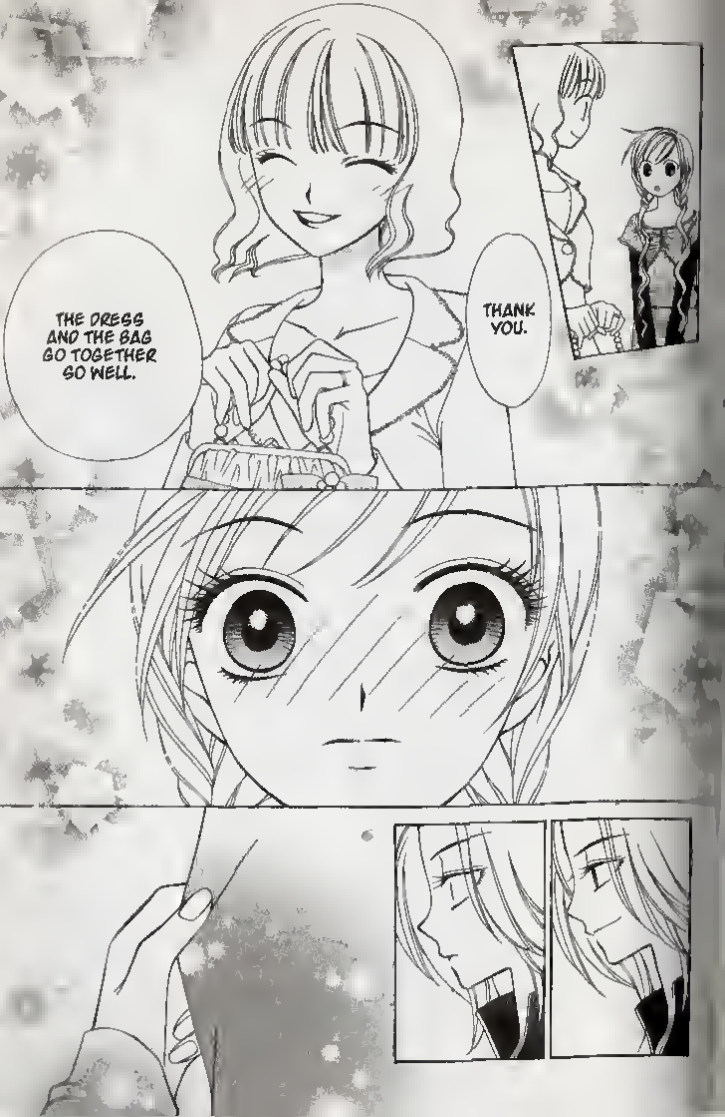
I AM.
That'd be a first.
LET'S JUST HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'LL BE LUCKIER IN LOVE THIS TIME
Ha ha
BECAUSE, THE TRUTH IS, I SEE YOU CHANGING DAY BY DAY.
Oh, this is a cute fabric

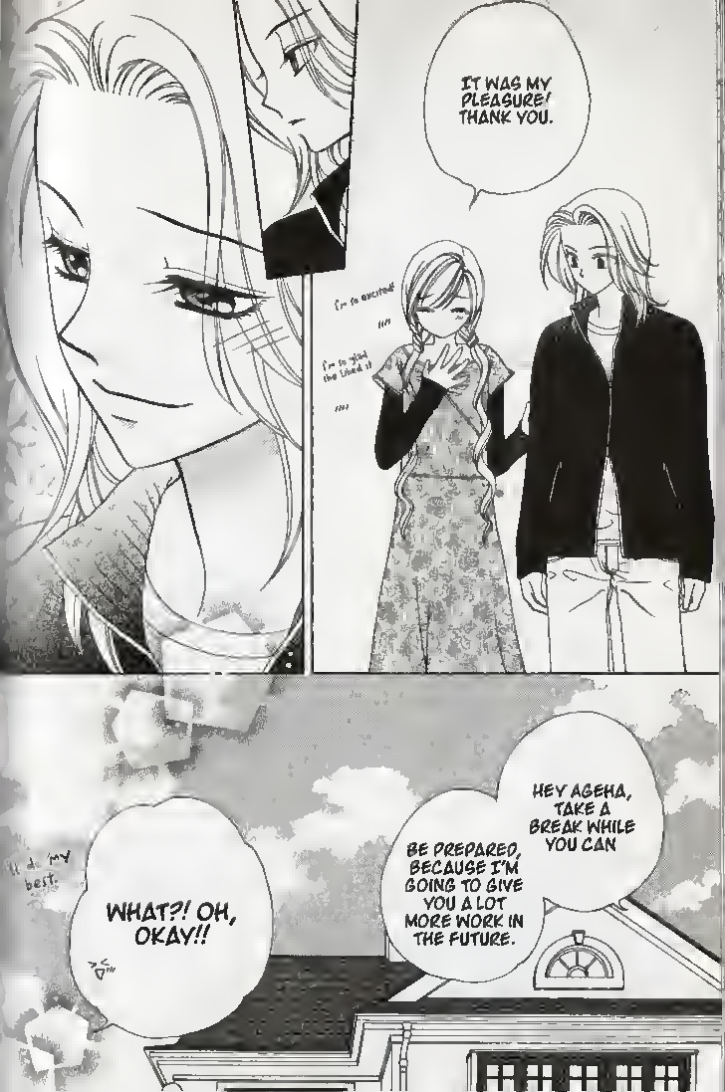
IT TURNED OUT GREAT
MITSU
..
ARISAKA-SAN
TUG
YUUK
AGEHA-CHAN, YOU FINISHED THAT BAG OF YOURS, RIGHT?
SHOW ME TOO.
OH, OKAY.
ひょこっ♥
TH-THUMP

YUKARI-KUN LOVES HANDBAGS. ♡
Keh
GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
NOT AT ALL. ♪
TH THUMP
YEAH.
Yukari-kun gave me a candy!
I... I'M SO HAPPY.
AGEHA-CHAN.
AREN'T YOU EXCITED ABOUT HOW THE CUSTOMERS ARE COMING NEXT WEEK?


CREAK
Ooh, Im
IT'S REALLY COMFOR-TABLE
UM...
The pleats are in cute
AGEHA, THE BAG
OH, YES.
THANK YOU.
Mitr., the camera
Okay.
I'M, NER-VOUS
Comes in a box

I'M SO GLAD I WENT AHEAD AND ORDERED IT.
ピタ-ン
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP


THE DRESS AND THE BAG GO TOGETHER SO WELL.
THANK YOU.


IT WAS MY PLEASURE! THANK YOU.
I'm so excited
I'm so glad she liked it
HEY AGEHA, TAKE A BREAK WHILE YOU CAN
BE PREPARED, BECAUSE I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LOT MORE WORK IN THE FUTURE.
WHAT?! OH, OKAY!!
I'll do my best.

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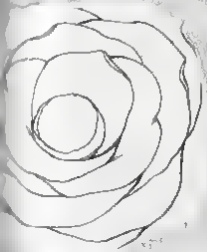
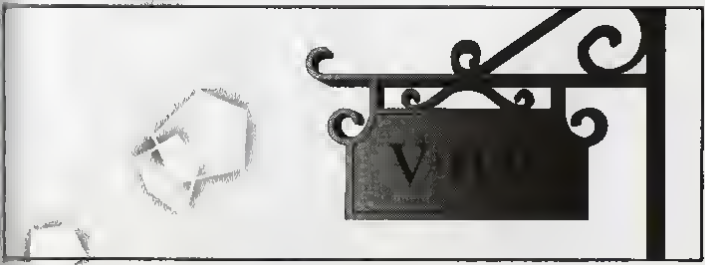
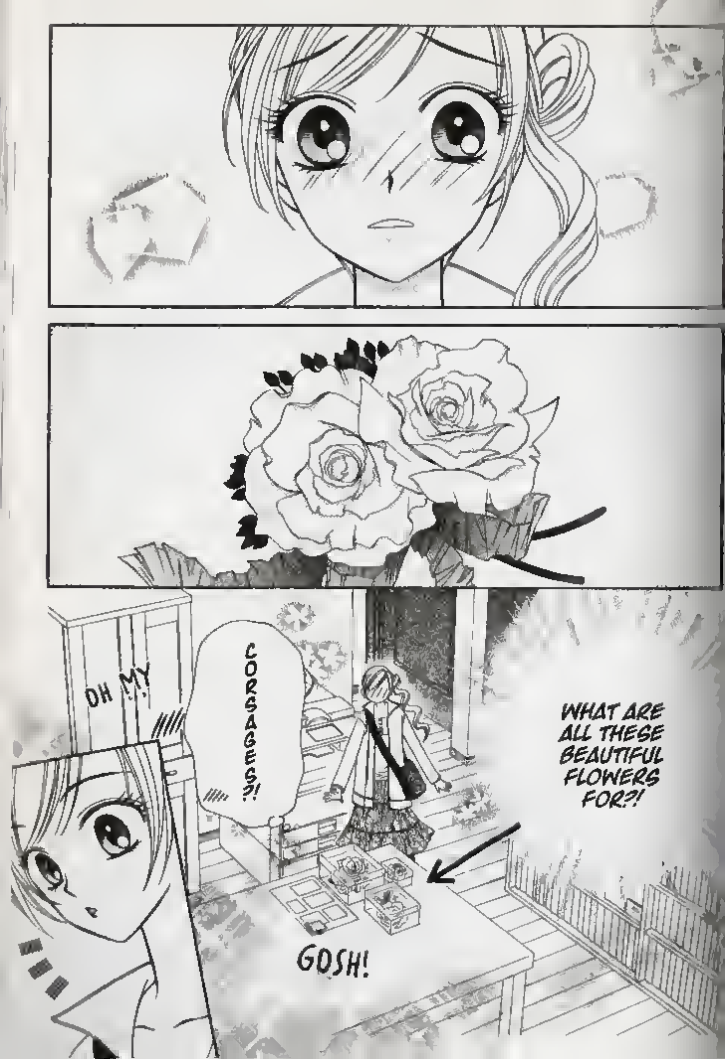
AT FIRST, SHE REMINDED ME OF A FAIRY.

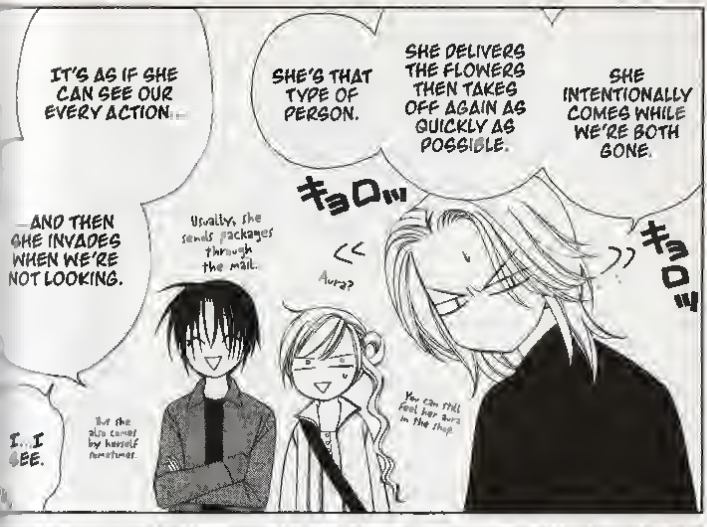





WHAT ARE ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR?!
GOSH!
OH MY
CORSAGES?!

HOW CUTE.
I WONDER WHAT ALL THIS IS ABOUT.
Winter List
Thanks.
Light purple or pink.
With a ribbon motif
Something like this!
Width included, not too big and not too small.
A SHOPPING LIST OF SOME SORT?
SCARF, PUMPS, BAG, CLOTHES.
Why are your mouths all agape like that?
OH.
YOU GUYS ARE BACK?
BUT THESE FLOWERS...
A LIST OF THINGS THAT MATCH THE FLOWERS?
Huh?
...MUST BE STORE-RELATED.

SHE'S OUR CORSAGE MAKER.
カナ?
OH, YEAH. I JUST GOT HERE.
SO SHE WAS HERE
I MEANT KANA.
OHH.
HER WORK IS LOVELY.
A corsage maker?
NO.
I wanted to meet her.
I BET SHE'S SORRY SHE MISSED YOU GUYS
SO HER NAME IS "KANA-SAN"?
No?

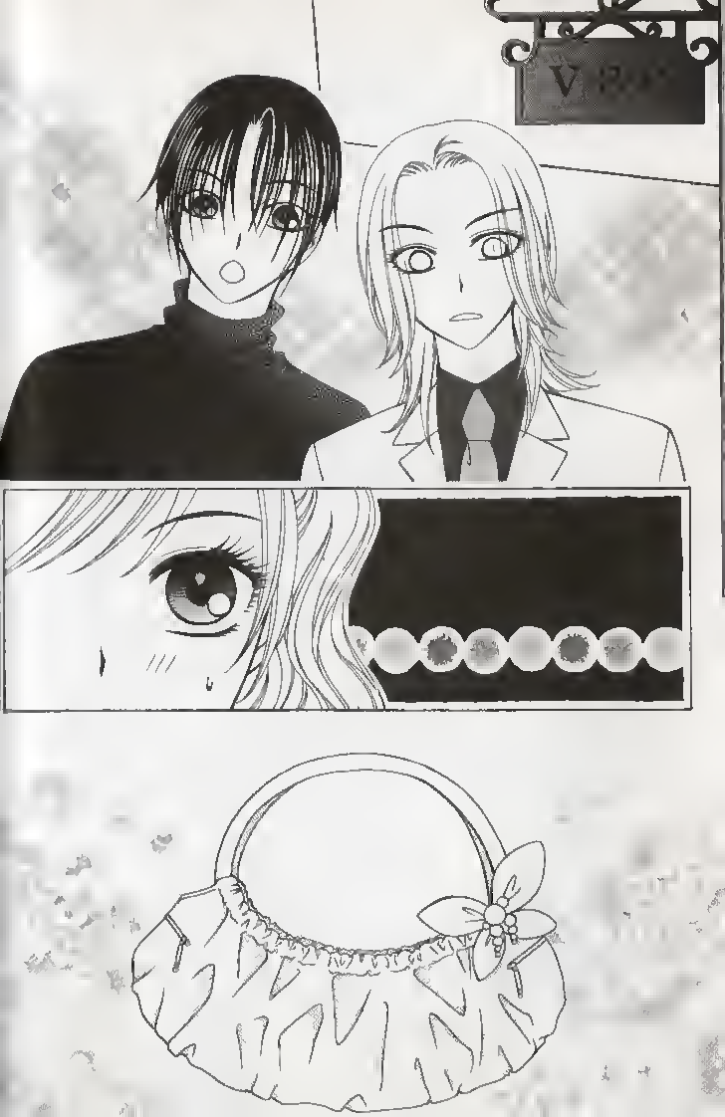

IT'S AS IF SHE CAN SEE OUR EVERY ACTION...
SHE'S THAT TYPE OF PERSON.
SHE DELIVERS THE FLOWERS THEN TAKES OFF AGAIN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
SHE INTENTIONALLY COMES WHILE WE'RE BOTH GONE.
...AND THEN SHE INVADES WHEN WE'RE NOT LOOKING.
Usually, she sends packages through the mail.
キョロ
Aura?
キョロ
I...I SEE.
But the girls comes by herself sometimes.
You can still feel her aura in the shop.

A FAIRY? MORE LIKE AN EVIL SPIRIT!
I DO!
I CAN'T TALK TO HER BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS DISAPPEARING ON ME.
BAM
GRRRR
Like the thought were skydiving maker you throw up in the middle of the morning.
WELL, SORT OF
MORE LIKE THE ELVES IN THE OLD STORY
Ohh.
SHE'S LIKE A FAIRY!
SHE'S ECCENTRIC, BUT AS LONG AS SHE DOES HER WORK, WHO CARES?
ドキ
ドキ
Curiouser and curiouser

DEMANDS...
Thanks.
WHAT IS THAT? IS IT WORK-RELATED?
IT'S KANA'S "LIST OF DEMANDS."
きっぱり。
OH.
KANA-CHAN DOESN'T LIKE COMMUNICATING WITH US TOO DIRECTLY.
SO WHEN SHE SEES SOME THINGS IN A MAGAZINE THAT SHE'S INTERESTED IN...
...SHE MAKES A LIST LIKE THIS AND LEAVES IT HERE.
Wants List
Thanks
OH, SO THAT "THANKS" MEANS
They're her errand boys?
LIKE A SCAVENGER HUNT, OUR JOB IS TO FIND WHAT'S ON THE LIST.
SHE TRUSTS US BECAUSE WE KNOW HER TASTES.

SO THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO GO LOOK THESE ITEMS?
SHE'S ALWAYS SO FUSSY ABOUT SIZE AND COLOR TOO.
BUT THE TIMING'S REALLY BAD. IT'S ALREADY NOVEMBER.
Hmm.
Oh, that place.
THAT SHOP RUN BY THAT NICE OLD LADY WITH THE GLASSES MIGHT HAVE SOME OF THIS STUFF.
SHE KNOWS WE'RE SUPER-BUSY NOW.
"KANA-SAN" THE CORSAGE MAKER, HUH?
IS SHE A FAIRY, AN ELF, OR AN EVIL SPIRIT?
I WONDER WHY ARISAKA-SAN REACTS SO STRONGLY WHEN HER NAME IS MENTIONED.
Homeworking
I wonder what she's really like?

A WIDE BAG IS AWFULLY HANDY.
I WONDER IF I COULD MAKE ONE LIKE IT.
Yeah.
AND THEN IF IT WERE ROUNDER, IT MIGHT BE CUTER
Umm, something like...
ACTUALLY, THIS IS KIND OF FUN.
A "LIST OF DEMANDS," HUH?
I WONDER IF I COULD HELP
Ha
Ha
Ha
Heh heh
THE BAG ON THAT LIST WAS CUTE



I JUST WANTED TO HELP.
I HOPE YOU DIDN'T MIND ME TRYING MY HAND AT THE BAG.
THIS IS TOTALLY AWESOME! YOU'RE AMAZING!
The butterfly is removable so you could put a corsage on it too.
Sounds like the bust is usually a pain.
IS THIS YOUR NEW WORK?
IT'S AS IF IT POPPED RIGHT OFF OF KANA'S LIST.
I'M IMPRESSED.
OH, YEAH.
UM...
ALL RIGHTY! ♪
SUBJECT: "LIKE THE BAG?"
I'll send it to her cell first
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
Already doing it
CLICK CLICK CLICK
RIGHT AWAY!
MITSU, SEND A PICTURE OF IT TO KANA'S CELL PHONE AND PC.
AGREED.
ACTUALLY, IT'S PERFECT.
I'LL ONLY GIVE IT BACK TO YOU IF SHE'S AN IDIOT AND DOESN'T LIKE IT
IT'S OKAY IF SHE DOESN'T NEED IT
Oh yeah
I HOPE SHE REALIZES THAT SHE HAS A MESSAGE
SHE'LL SEE IT SOON ENOUGH
Hehe...
I WANTED TO MAKE ONE FOR MYSELF ANYWAYS.
Is he listening?

IT'S FROM KANA-CHAN.
A REPLY FROM HER THIS FAST?!
Yeeeeeek!!
Whoa
that's following along
WHAT DOES SHE SAY?!
SHE'S USUALLY SO FUSSY.
SHE SAYS SHE WANTS TO SEE THE REAL THING.
SHOULD'VE EXPECTED THAT.
YEAH, I KNOW.

There's a clothing store that I recently discovered. It's called "Bal mode" and it's located on a wide street in Toyabashi. The store owner and the sales associates are so nice and fun. The clothes are so cute too. The place has a relaxing atmosphere so I always enjoy shopping there.

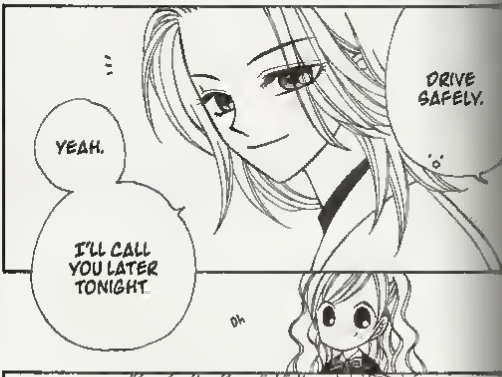
I love getting better acquainted with the sales associates. I love how they give you advice on how to accessorize the clothes. Plus, they always tell you what looks good with what you're wearing! It's always a learning experience. I enjoy dressing my characters in the clothes I see there.

It's great! I know it would look good on you.
Y mori-san, I really love this! Oh my gosh! I want this!!
In a glass case
Flowers bloom inside my heart

I can only find time to go there once or twice a month (because I have 2 deadlines per month) so going there is a reward for me.

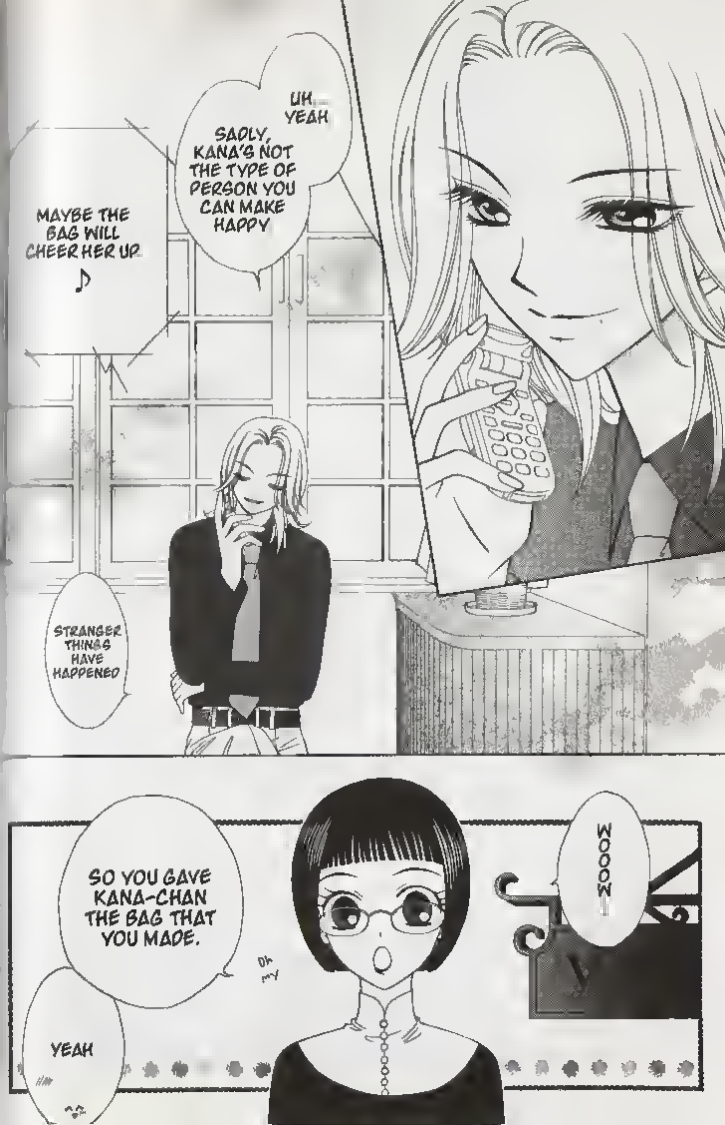
If only I could find a good shoe store nearby! I like fine shoes. I really want to go look for new Spring and Summer shoes.

SHE GETS SO MAD WHEN SHE ISN'T PLEASED
SHE'S SO HARD TO PLEASE, BUT THIS MIGHT WORK
OH, YOU WERE JUST ABOUT TO GO SOMEWHERE?
I'M GOING TO STOP BY KANA'S PLACE ON THE WAY.
THEY TALK SO ILL OF HER.
YEAH, I HAVE A MEETING AT SEKIGUCHI'S.
VAYA CON DIOS, MI AMIGO!



I CAN'T WAIT...
WHAT ...
Thinks this is comfortable.
...REALLY?!
YEAH, SHE SAID SHE WANTED IT..
..SO I JUST GAVE IT TO HER.
THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.
WOOOW ♡ I'M SO GLAD YOU CALLED ♪
I'M JUST HAPPY THAT YOU CALLED ME. ♡
Beep~
SO?
HM?
How much?
HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU?

IT WAS FUN, AND I WAS EXCITED... SO REALLY, IT WAS JUST THE TIME INVESTED.
ER... UM...
UM, UM...
I JUST DID IT FOR THE CHALLENGE OF IT.
I just used some leftover fabric.
...I SEE.
PICK A NUMBER.
I HAVE NO IDEA.
What, really?
SHE'S NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY ENOUGH.
I see...
SOMETIMES, MY FRIENDS TREAT ME TO LUNCH.
Oh...
I wouldn't dream of charging them!
AM I REALLY THAT GOOD?
YOU HAVE TO START CHARGING PEOPLE FOR YOUR WORK.
Tee hee.
FOR ME, IT'S ALL ABOUT...
MAKING OTHERS HAPPY.


MAYBE THE BAG WILL CHEER HER UP. ♪
UH... YEAH
SADLY, KANA'S NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON YOU CAN MAKE HAPPY
STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED
WOOOW
SO YOU GAVE KANA-CHAN THE BAG THAT YOU MADE.
OH MY
YEAH

OH... YEAH.. UM...
KANA-CHAN?
DO YOU KNOW HER?
LIM...
SOME-DAY. ♪
SOMEDAY, YOU'LL GO PRO, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO CHARGE FOR YOUR DESIGNS
YOU'RE TOO GENER OUS.
HEH HEH
. FRIENDS.
Strangely enough
...FR...
SHE'S ONE OF MY FEW...
I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOUR BEAD WORK
WHY DON'T WE TRADE?
THE BEADING IS SO ELEGANT.
THAT HANDBAG WAS SO STYLISH.
I don't get her
I want one too
WHY IS SHE BLUSH-ING?

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!!
OOOOOOOOOO
IT'S NICE THAT THEY GET ALONG SO WELL.
THE BUDDHA SAYS MODERATION IN ALL THINGS.
THEY'RE MAKING SUCH A RACKET.
GOOD THING THE CUSTOMER JUST LEFT.
Oh my gosh!
MAYBE I'M JUST PLAYING HARD TO GET.
HEH HEH.
YOU'RE QUIET TODAY, MITSUYA-SAMA. WHY?
I HAD TO ASK.
...WHAT?

Y-YEAH...
HE IS
MIGUYA-SAMA I MEAN
...KUROMINE-SAN IS REALLY QUIET TODAY
AFTER ALL HE'S DONE TO YOU?!
People are strange
IT MAKES ME FEEL KIND OF A LITTLE SAD
WHEN IT GETS CLOSE TO DECEMBER, ALL THE HALLS ARE BOOKED UP FOR CHRISTMAS.
...SO A LOT OF WEDDING CEREMONIES GET CLUMPED UP AT AROUND THIS TIME OF YEAR
OH. THAT MAKES SENSE
...YOU COME BY THE STORE A LOT NOWADAYS, TSUYU-SAN
YEAH I GET A LOT OF ORDERS THIS TIME OF YEAR
REALLY?

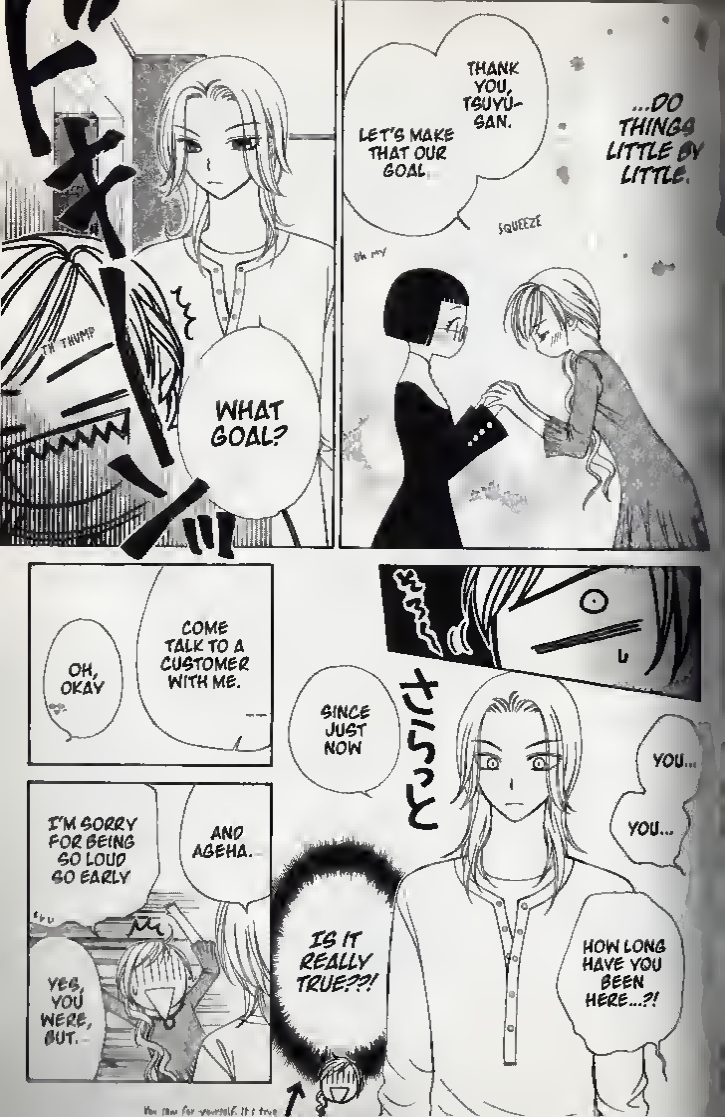
I GET COLD FEET.
BUT EVERY TIME HE TALKS TO ME ..
I'M JUST NO GOOD AT FLIRTING
I LIKE BEING HERE NOW
YOU MAKE THE PLACE NICER
BUT THAT'S REALLY JUST AN EXCUSE
kuh kuh
TSUYU-CHAN...
'Tis a puzzlement.
OF ALL THE GUYS IN THE WORLD, YOU WANT TO SEE HIM?
Bwa ha ha.
WHAT?
OTHERWISE, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE KUROMINE-KUN
PLUS, ADDED TO MY MIXED MOTIVES..

I ALSO COME HERE FOR INSPIRATION AND MOTIVATION
WHENEVER I SEE YOU AND ARISAKA-KUN...
YOU GUYS SEEM SO HAPPY TO-GETHER...
...IT MAKES ME WANT TO TRY HARDER.
AGEHA-CHAN, YOU REALLY ARE GIVING IT YOUR BEST.

How can the human heart get cold feet?
No...
I'M NOT GIVING IT MY BEST AT ALL!!
AGONY!
BECAUSE I'M SCARED TO TELL HIM.
"WHY DON'T YOU TELL ARIGAKA-SAN THAT YOU LIKE HIM?"
I JUST WAIT FOR HIM TO CALL ME.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO CHANGE...
Hmm, I really haven't done much.
YOU CAN'T REALLY SAY THAT I'M TRYING ALL THAT HARD.
YET, I WANT EVERYTHING TO CHANGE.
What a dummy I am

DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?
WHAT?! NO, IT'S NOTHING, TSUYU-SAN. YOU'RE GREAT!!
HUH?
I'm here to work after all, right?!
THEN AGAIN, WHY IS IT UP TO ME TO TRY AT ALL?!
UMM, AGEHA-CHAN?
STRESSED OUT
YOU'RE MAKING ME THINK ABOUT OLD TIMES
I wish I'd make it my attitude
YOU'VE GOT REAL INNER BEAUTY AND YOU'RE BRAVER THAN YOU KNOW
...AT THAT TIME, I LACKED COURAGE
...THE REASON I COULDN'T TELL KUROMINE-KUN THAT I WAS MOVING WAS...
WHEN I WAS A GIRL...

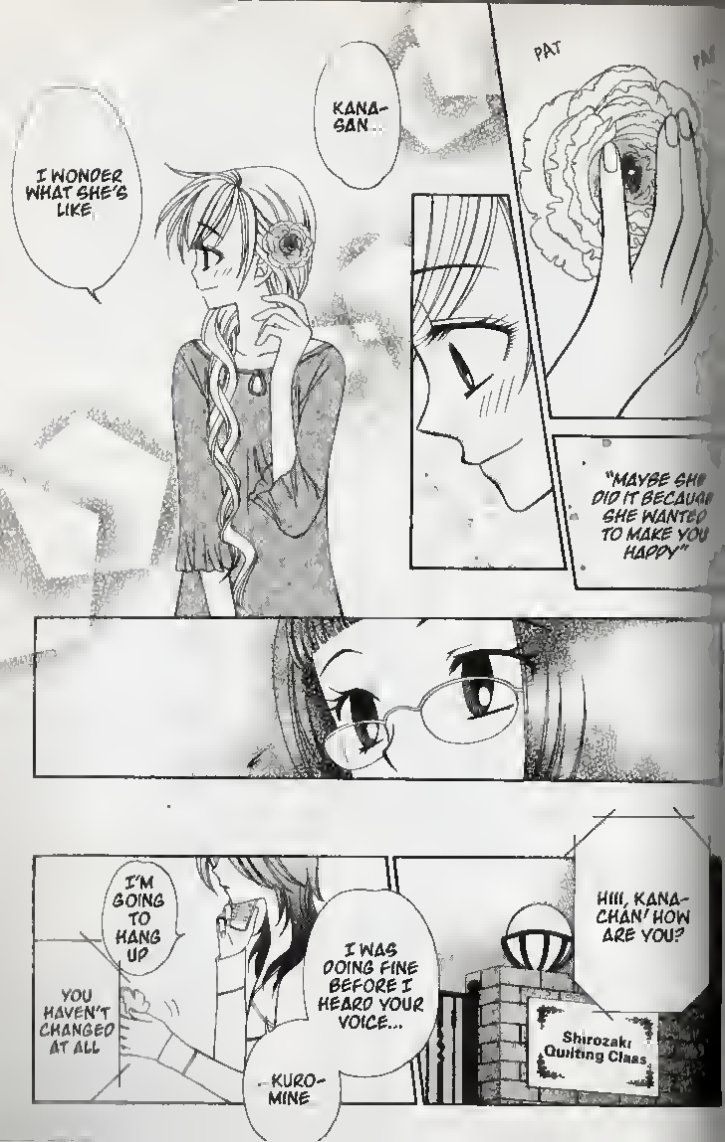
I WANT TO BECOME BOLDER, SO..
...THE FIRST STEP I HAVE TO TAKE IS TO COME HERE
LITTLE BY LITTLE, I WANT TO CHANGE THE PERSON THAT I AM.
ALTHOUGH I'M STILL SCARED TO FIND OUT WHAT HE THINKS OF ME
Soo Lee.
IT'S ALWAYS SCARY TO FIND OUT HOW THE OTHER PERSON FEELS
AND SHE'S RIGHT. I HAVE TO...
THAT'S IT.
SHE GETS IT. TOTALLY.

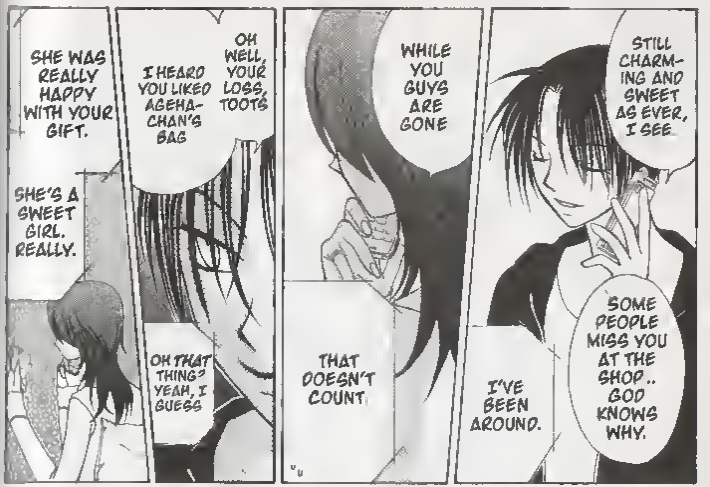

ドキン
THUMP
WHAT GOAL?
THANK YOU, TSUYU-SAN.
LET'S MAKE THAT OUR GOAL
...DO THINGS LITTLE BY LITTLE.
SQUEEZE
COME TALK TO A CUSTOMER WITH ME.
OH, OKAY
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO LOUD SO EARLY
AND AGEHA.
YES, YOU WERE, BUT.
さらっと
SINCE JUST NOW
IS IT REALLY TRUE???
YOU...
YOU...
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE...?!

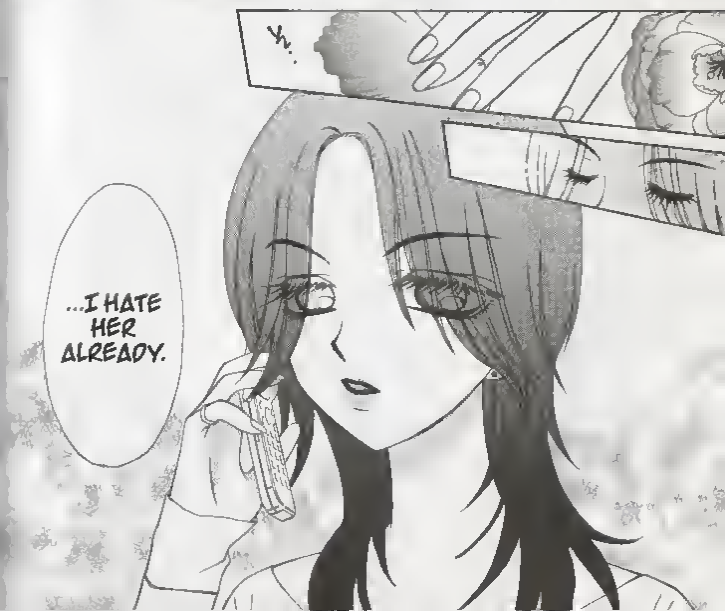
HUH?! WH-WHAT IS IT?!
JUST OPEN IT.
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU.
RUSTLE

IT'S FROM KANA
SHE SAID IT'S HER THANK-YOU FOR THE BAG.
ARIGAKA-SAN, THIS IS
It just came in the mail.
WHAT?!
How pretty!!!!
A CORSAGE
REALLY?
BUT I DIDN'T GO TO ANY TROUBLE OR ANY-THING ..
SHE SAID THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD TAKE IT FOR FREE.
I think it's like a thank
I REALLY CAN'T GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF HER IN MY MIND
Who is this Kana?
Just be glad
Ha-ha..
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED
MAYBE SHE DID IT BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.
THAT'S SO UNLIKE HER!
WHAT SHOULD I PUT IT ON?
I can't choose!!!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH IT?

HUH?
AGEHA-CHAN, YOU LOOK SO LOVELY
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
Really?
IT SUITS YOU.


I WONDER WHAT SHE'S LIKE
KANA-SAN...
PAT
PAT
"MAYBE SHE DID IT BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO MAKE YOU HAPPY"
HIII, KANA-CHAN! HOW ARE YOU?
Shirozaki Quilting Class
I WAS DOING FINE BEFORE I HEARD YOUR VOICE...
- KURO-MINE
I'M GOING TO HANG UP
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL


STILL CHARMING AND SWEET AS EVER, I SEE.
SOME PEOPLE MISS YOU AT THE SHOP.. GOD KNOWS WHY.
I'VE BEEN AROUND.
WHILE YOU GUYS ARE GONE
THAT DOESN'T COUNT.
OH WELL, YOUR LOSS, TOOTS
I HEARD YOU LIKED AGEHA-CHAN'S BAG
OH THAT THING? YEAH, I GUESS
SHE WAS REALLY HAPPY WITH YOUR GIFT.
SHE'S A SWEET GIRL. REALLY.


Yn..
...I HATE HER ALREADY.

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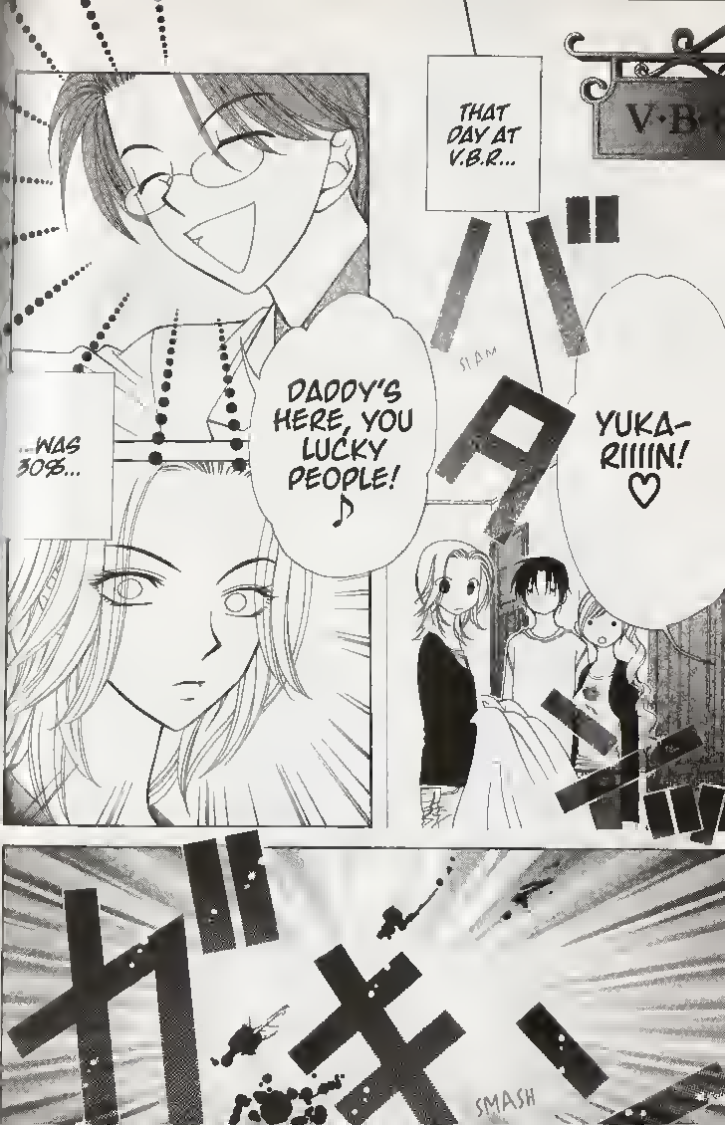
V·B·
THAT DAY AT V.B.R...
...WAS BOSS...
DADDY'S HERE, YOU LUCKY PEOPLE! ♪
SLAM
YUKA-RIIIIN! ♡
SMASH

IMPOSSIBLE
Now go.
HEY, SEKIGUCHI, THE EXIT IS THAT WAY.
Scat
OH?! MY SWEET RIRIKO.
How are you?
がばっ
WHAT'S HARDER? THIS CHAIR OR YOUR HEAD?
...LIVELIER THAN USUAL.
The chair
Hah.
DYING
His head
HOW ABOUT THE 12TH OF NEVER?
SO, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO BE MY WIFE?
I'm irresistible, you know.
I CAN IMAGINE THE ENVIRONMENT THAT ARISAKA-SAN WAS BROUGHT UP IN.
Makes sense to me
Because you're a buffoon and I'm not
SQUABBLE
SQUABBLE
Come on, why not?

HEY, ARISAKA-SAN, DOES SEKIGUCHI-SAN LIKE RIRIKO-SAN?
Don't worry about it
HE'S BEEN CHASING AFTER HER SINCE I WAS A KID.
He proves himself on his persistence.
IT'S ALL TRUE, AGEHA-CHAN.
FAINT HEART NEVER WON FAIR LADY
PUT A SOCK IN IT!
You're embarrassing me.
MY HEART BELONGS TO AOI-SAN
YOU DESERVE THE BEST.
Really.

IT MADE HER LOOK VERY VALIANT.
THE WAY SHE CAN THAT SO PROUDLY AND CLEARLY
SO COOL...
BY THE WAY, SEKIGUCHI, WHAT DID YOU COME FOR?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT DID I COME FOR? YUKARIN, SURELY I'VE TOLD YOU OFTEN ENOUGH.
SO, DO YOU WANT TO DO IT? SERIOUSLY?
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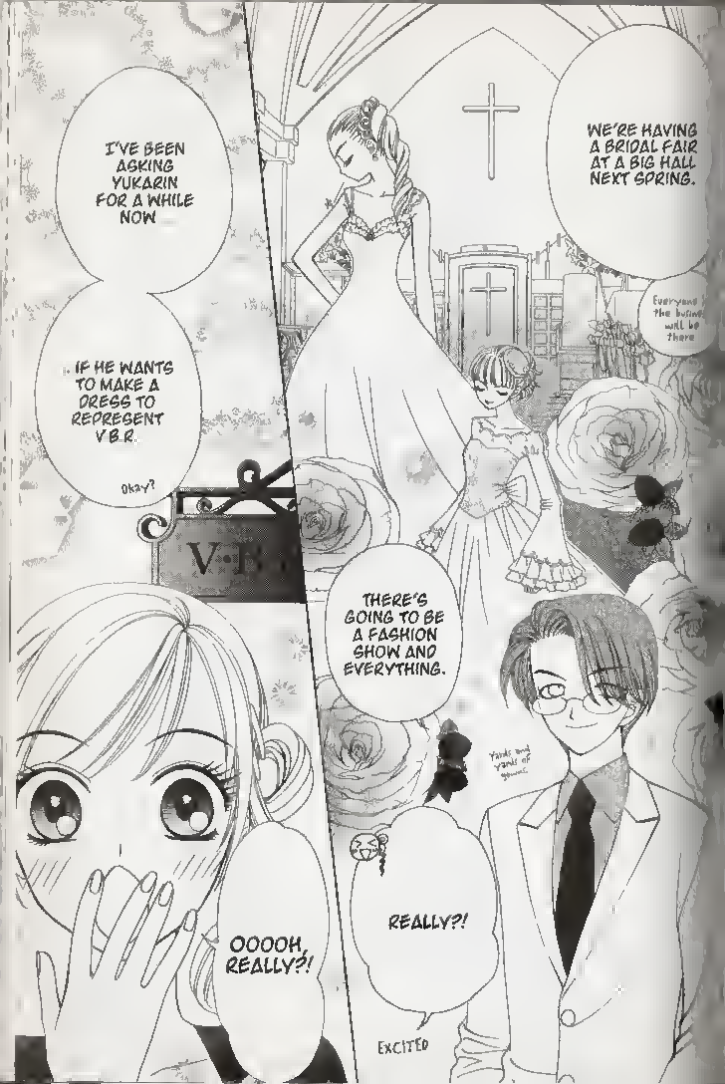
You mean it?
BLEEERGH...
DON'T MAKE THAT FACE!
I'm such a general person
IT'LL BE GREAT PUBLICITY FOR ROSA AND V.B.R
IT'S MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR BOTH OF US
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU WANT TO MAKE EVEN MORE WORK FOR ME?
YES

I DON'T THINK IT'S SUCH A BAD DEAL.
RIGHT?
GLANCE
WELL...
HI
UM...
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
...?
I kind of feel left out
LET ME EXPLAIN, SWEET CHILD.
COME LIVE WITH ME AND BE MY LOVE!
MY SWEET LILY IS SO UNDER-STANDING.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, ROMEO!
SQUEEEZE


I'VE BEEN ASKING YUKARIN FOR A WHILE NOW
IF HE WANTS TO MAKE A DRESS TO REPRESENT V.B.R.
Okay?
V·B
OOOOH, REALLY?!
WE'RE HAVING A BRIDAL FAIR AT A BIG HALL NEXT SPRING.
Everyone in the industry will be there
THERE'S GOING TO BE A FASHION SHOW AND EVERYTHING.
Yards and yards of gauze.
REALLY?!
EXCITED

YES, YOU DO. ♡
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL BE MY MODEL. ★
WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA!
WOW! ☆ THAT'S SO COOOOL.
Ah ha!
I love that kind of stuff!
はい？
Pardon?
GUILTY AS CHARGED.
YOU'RE A TOTAL GREED-HEAD, YOU KNOW THAT?
DON'T SOUND SO HAPPY ABOUT IT. ><
Why not? I am!
PROFESSIONAL SMILE.
SE... SEKI...
THE CATWALK AWAITS, MY DEAR. ♥
YOU WERE SUCH A LOVELY BRIDE AT THE LAST EVENT, I WANT TO USE YOU AS A MODEL AGAIN. ☆

THE THRILL THAT I FELT...
...WHEN I WAS A MODEL...
SEKIGUCHI, WHY DRAG AGEHA INTO YOUR SCHEMES?
You're a major annoyance.
You fool.
HM?
I..I WANT TO DO IT.
Maybe.
IT'S FUN
..SEKI...

I JUST WANT TO TRY ON..
A DRESS THAT ARISAKA-SAN MADE
IS THAT OKAY?
I'm ready for anything!!
OH, THE JINX OF THE WHITE DRESS, YOU MEAN?
BUT YOU--
I'M TOTALLY FINE BECAUSE I WORE ONE ALREADY
THAT'S MY GIRL!
WOO!

※ You didn't expect V8 Baio to do it for free, did you?

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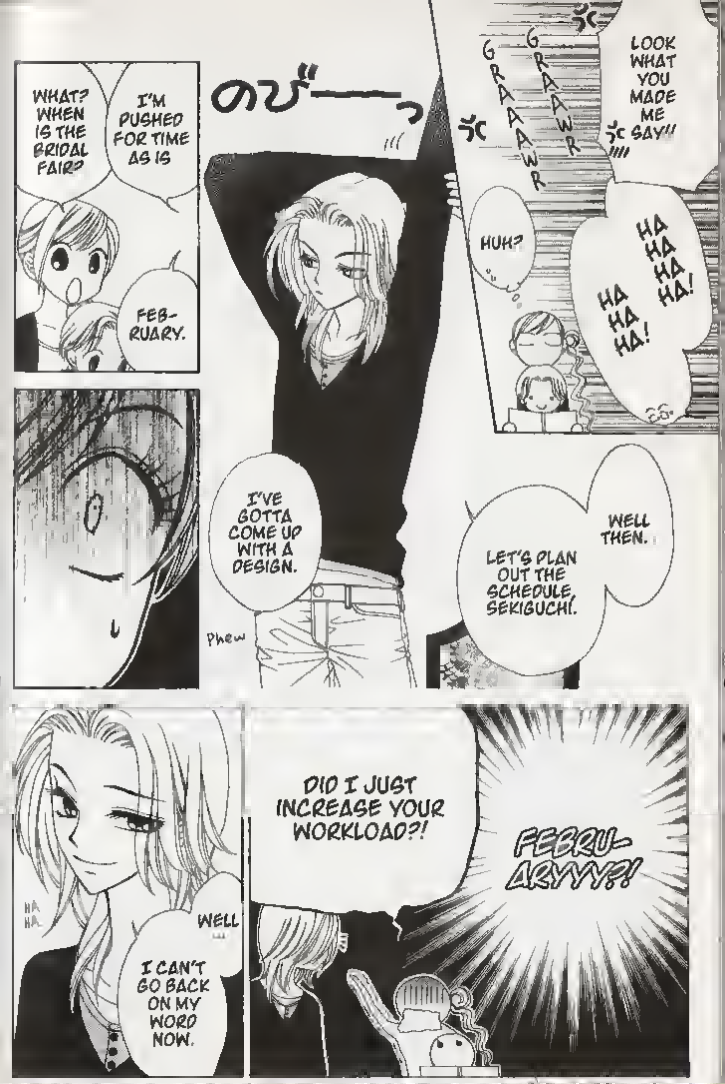
Ack
TAP
TAP
I OFFER YOU THIS.
Here
...
IT WAS THEN I SAW RIRIKO-SAN'S DARK SIDE.
THEN WE'LL ATTEND YOUR FUNERAL, SEKIGUCHI.
Her final words.
I'LL... TAKE IT...
Just it's highway robbery
THE WORLD OF THE ADULTS IS COMPLEX
Tee hee.
Tear
SAKURA!!
ARE YOU HERE, MOM?
GASP

AGEHA-CHAN.
SAKURA-KUN.
だきーーーっ♡
Whoa.
IT'S ME--SEKIGUCHI-KUN WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO HAVE A COOL DADDY LIKE ME?
SAKURA-KUUUUN ♪
Long time no see
YOUR BROTHER IS A LITTLE JEALOUS
When did you get here?! I'm going to show you something cool, okay?
Wow
I wonder what it is
SQUEEZE
Oh my bro-the
Saku-chi..
POW
OW

IN YOUR DREAMS, PAL. ♡
The cruelty of children!
HE'S GROWING UP WAY TOO FAST!
THERE'S NO WAY HE'S JUST FIVE YEARS OLD!!
Mother
Older brother
Ha ha ha !!
!!
WHAT?
HMPH.

Sitting on her left thigh
MOM BOUGHT ME A NEW PICTURE BOOK
SAKURA
Kids these days!...
HOW SWEET OH, TO BE A CHILD AGAIN...
YOU SAID IT
HEEEY, NOW...
Lusty!
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
Speakers of a healthy man...
I'D RATHER HAVE AGEHA-CHAN ON MY LAP
BUT TRUTH BE TOLD...
Oops!
OHH...


LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME SAY!!
GRAAWR
GRAAWR
GRAAWR
HUH?
HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!
WELL THEN.
LET'S PLAN OUT THE SCHEDULE, SEKIGUCHI.
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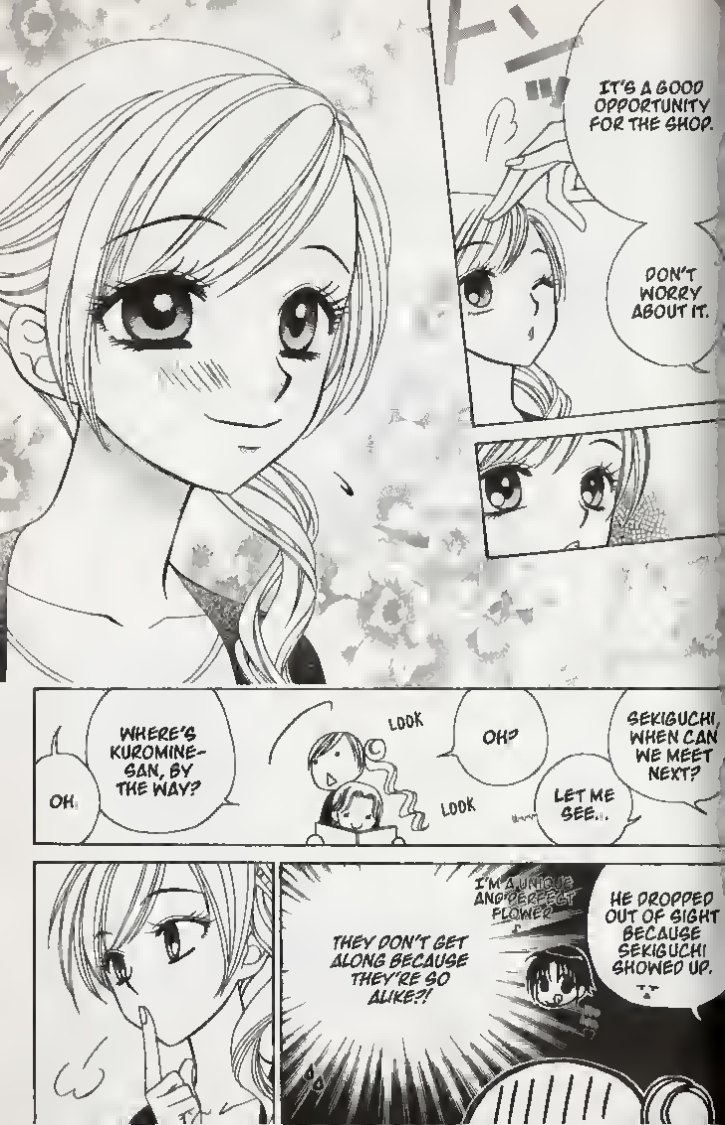
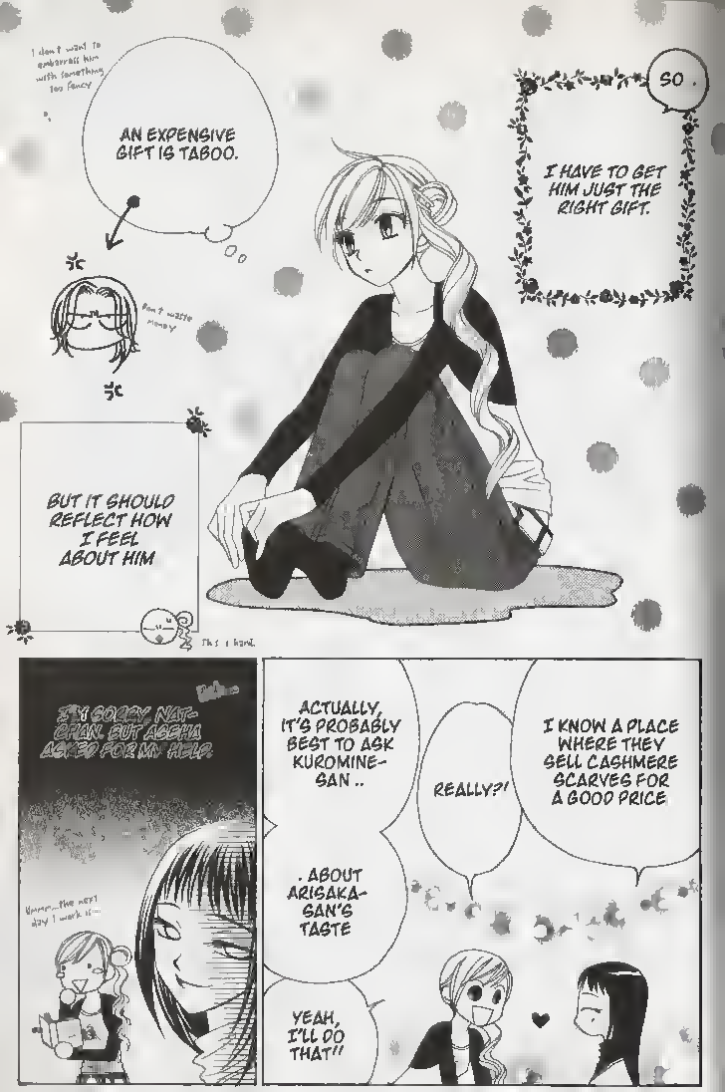
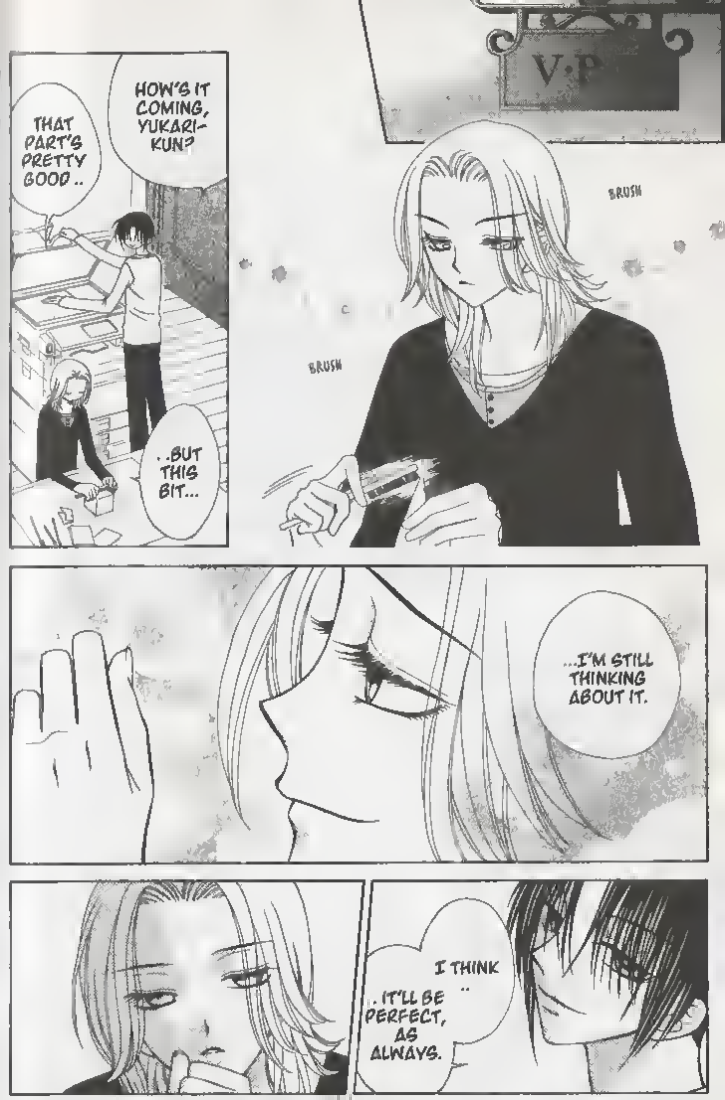
I'VE GOTTA COME UP WITH A DESIGN.
Phew
WHAT? WHEN IS THE BRIDAL FAIR?
I'M PUSHED FOR TIME AS IS
FEB-RUARY.
DID I JUST INCREASE YOUR WORKLOAD?!
FEBRU-ARYYY?!
HA HA
WELL
I CAN'T GO BACK ON MY WORD NOW.


IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SHOP.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
OH.
WHERE'S KUROMINE-SAN, BY THE WAY?
LOOK
LOOK
OH?
LET ME SEE...
SEKIGUCHI, WHEN CAN WE MEET NEXT?
THEY DON'T GET ALONG BECAUSE THEY'RE SO ALIKE?!
I'M A UNIQUE AND PERFECT FLOWER!
HE DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT BECAUSE SEKIGUCHI SHOWED UP.

I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT SOMETHING.
Sakashita
HEY MAMORU-CHAN...
WHAT DO YOU THINK GUYS LIKE?
BEYOND THE OBVI-OUS?
HOW ABOUT A NICE SCARF? THAT'S SAFE, RIGHT?
THERE'S AN IMPORTANT EVENT BEFORE THE BRIDAL FAIR.
NEXT MONTH... ...WE'RE GOING TO HAVE...
Hmmm.
...A JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ARISAKA-SAN AND ME!!


I don't want to embarrass him with something too fancy
AN EXPENSIVE GIFT IS TABOO.
Don't waste money
BUT IT SHOULD REFLECT HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM
This is hard.
SO.
I HAVE TO GET HIM JUST THE RIGHT GIFT.
ACTUALLY, IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO ASK KUROMINE-SAN ..
REALLY?!
I KNOW A PLACE WHERE THEY SELL CASHMERE SCARVES FOR A GOOD PRICE
. ABOUT ARISAKA-SAN'S TASTE
YEAH, I'LL DO THAT!!
IT'S SORRY, NAT-CHAN, BUT ASEMI ASKED FOR MY HELP.
Hmmm... The next day I work it—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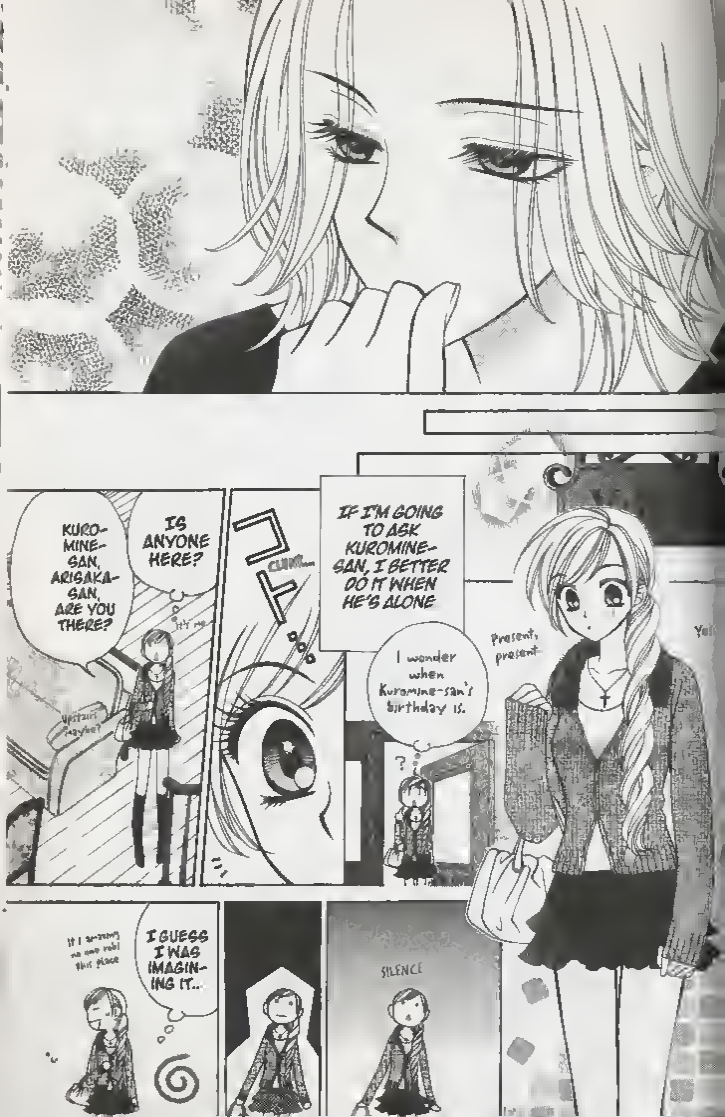
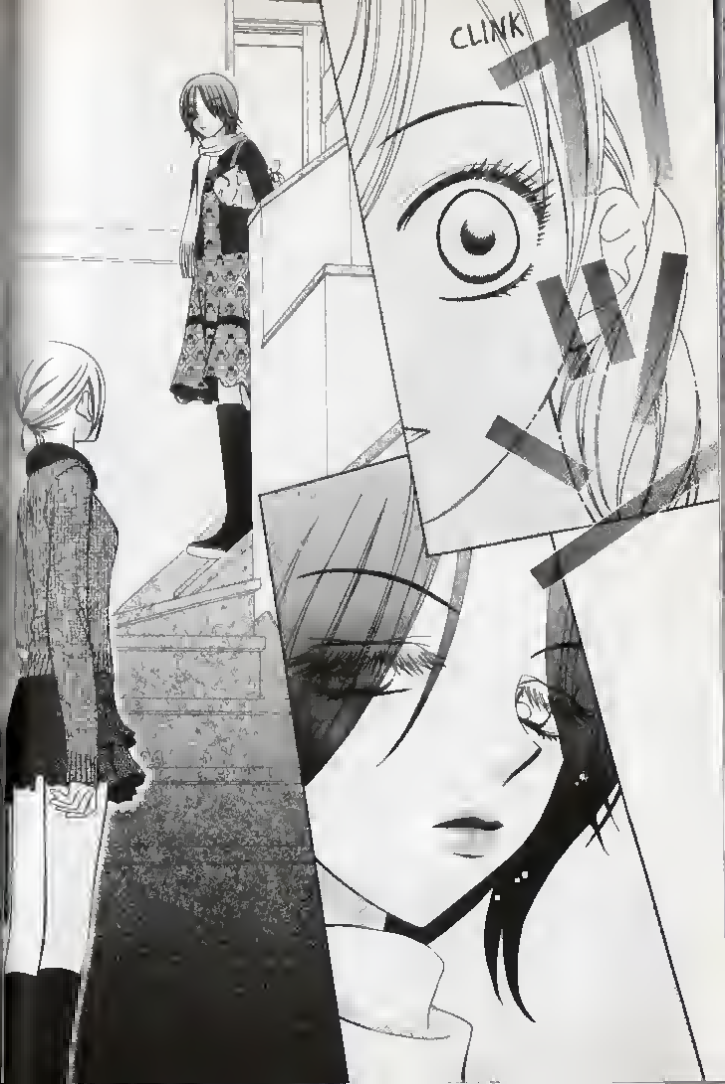
BRUSH
BRUSH
HOW'S IT COMING, YUKARI-KUN?
THAT PART'S PRETTY GOOD..
..BUT THIS BIT...
...I'M STILL THINKING ABOUT IT.
I THINK..
..IT'LL BE PERFECT, AS ALWAYS.


KUROMINE-SAN, ARISAKA-SAN, ARE YOU THERE?
IS ANYONE HERE?
It's me.
Upstairs, maybe?
CLICK...
IF I'M GOING TO ASK KUROMINE-SAN, I BETTER DO IT WHEN HE'S ALONE
I wonder when Kuromine-san's birthday is.
?
Present, present
If I'm going to ask no one's in this place
I GUESS I WAS IMAGINING IT..
SILENCE


CLINK

OH... THAT BAG..
WH-WHO'S THAT?!
TH-THUMP
COULD IT BE..?
KANA...
...SAN..?

YOU'RE AGEHA SHIROI? I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU.
AH...
YES.
SH-SH-SH-SH-SHE'S SO PRETTY!! SHE'S A REAL BEAUTY!!
STARE
Her face is so delicate! Her figure's nice Too!!
Wow, wow
OH, KANA-CHAN, YOU'RE HERE?
OH, KUROMINE-SAN
Feh
IT'S YOU
WHAT?
What? Feh ?
OH, LEAVING SO SOON?
I'VE SEEN ALL I NEED TO SEE.

I went to Kawasaki's New Year's party this year too. This time my good friend Kyoko Sugihara was absent so I was sad. But we planned to meet up in Nagoya later so I can't wait.

The day after the party, I went shopping with Tachibana Megumi-san and Suigara Takao-san.

Mature and beautiful Big Sis Shigaru-san.

Charismatic and fun Miyachi-san.

Three great friends!

We ate lunch at Elsa, then we went shopping. So it is such fun looking around the shops with people that you like. So exciting.

Big Sis, these are adorable!

Bambi-chan, what do you think of these shoes?

They look so small! I wonder if they have them in my size.

I immediately bought the same pair of shoes as Big Sis Shigaru in a different color. Later, I found a nice antique chair at a shop. I wanted to use it as reference in my work, so I asked the clerk if I could take a picture of it. He looked at me as if I was a little crazy. (LOL)

Anyway, it was a fun day. Let's play together again.

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UM...WHAT'S WITH HER? SHE SEEMED UPSET.

SHE'S JUST.. ANTI-SOCIAL

Oh, forget her ♥

I didn't get to say my thanks for the curtsy.

Heeey!

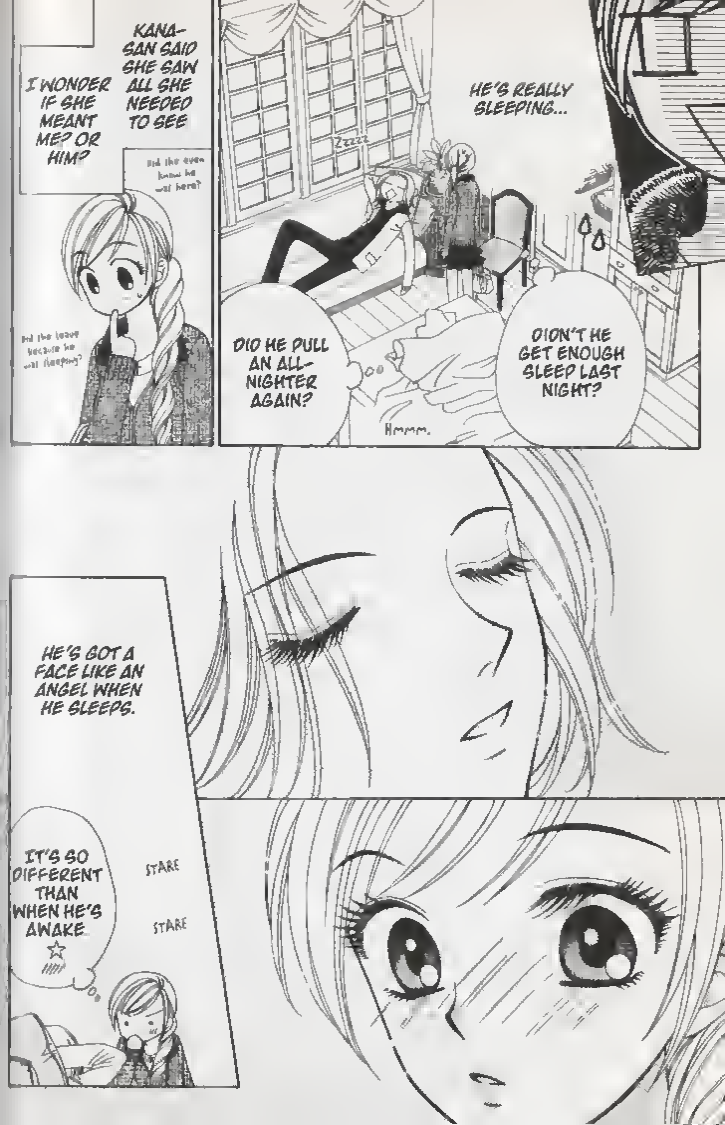
HE NEEDS GOOD DREAMS AND SHE'S A NIGHTMARE ♥

AGEH...-CHAN, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YUKARI-KUN, HE'S SLEEPING UPSTAIRS.

WILL SOMEONE PLEASE TELL ME WHY KUROMINE DOESN'T LIKE HER?

WHAT?! HE DIDN'T WAKE UP EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS HERE?

I'm going to go right home too.


KANA-SAN SAID SHE SAW ALL SHE NEEDED TO SEE
I WONDER IF SHE MEANT ME? OR HIM?
Did she even know he was here?
Did he leave because he was sleeping?
HE'S REALLY SLEEPING...
Zzzz
DID HE PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER AGAIN?
DIDN'T HE GET ENOUGH SLEEP LAST NIGHT?
Hmmm.
HE'S GOT A FACE LIKE AN ANGEL WHEN HE SLEEPS.
IT'S SO DIFFERENT THAN WHEN HE'S AWAKE
☆
STARE
STARE

HEY.
EEE!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SCREAM
むくっ
Jeez
I JUST DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO WAKE UP SO SUDDENLY
YOU JUST LOOK SO... PRETTY. WHEN YOU SLEEP
See, a smile
"PRETTY" ISN'T AN ADJECTIVE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO USE ABOUT A GUY
WHAT?!

I'M IMITATING SAKURA.
WHA ...?!
...I'm sitting on your lap!!
Eeeeek!
HA HA HA HA HA
IT FEELS WEIRD!
WELL, IT ALSO FEELS WEIRD WHEN YOU WATCH ME SLEEP.
THAT MAKES NO SENSE!!

ARISAKA-SAN IS ACTING WAY TOO MUCH LIKE YOU!!
OH MY.♡ AM I INTERRUPTING?
Ha ha.
Sure is ha...
Yes, indeed.
Ageha-chan, we're leaving you.
About time, too!
シャキーン!!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT, THE BRIDAL FAIR!!
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME THE PERFECT DRESS TO MODEL!!
TH-THUMP
Yuuki.
HEY, AGEHA...
...WHAT KIND OF DRESS DO YOU WANT TO WEAR?
I'M SORRY
I ALWAYS LIKE WORKING TOO HARD, DON'T I?
Y-o-u t-r-a-i-n-e
Hah... Ha ha... Hah...
I'M SORRY I GOT YOU INTO IT BY AGREEING TO BE A MODEL.
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND.

A-ARISAKA-SAN, YOU'RE SO MEAN!
CAREFUL NOT TO TRIP AND FAAAAAALL. ♪
YOU'RE GOING TO WALK ONSTAGE ON YOUR OWN.
HEH HEH HEH.
Ahh I forgot about that
HM?
WELL, THIS TIME, I WON'T BE YOUR GROOM.
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Gach
BUT...
...I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE...
...WHAT KIND OF DRESS I'M GOING TO GET TO WEAR.

Episode 35

WHAT...?
KUROMINE-SAN, YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN NOVEMBER?!
AGAIN, I'M THINKING ABOUT BIRTHDAYS.
YEAH.
I WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 25TH.
I'm a winter baby, like Yukari-kun
I'M A BLOOD-TYPE AB, SAGITTARIUS. ♪
The 25th?!

That isn't funny!!
YEAH, IT IS
He-e-e-y!!
THAT'S COMING UP SOON!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SOONER?!
WHAT?
I'm almost 23 years old
BUT I'M NOT ALLOWED TO COME HERE DURING MY EXAMS..
YET ANOTHER BIRTHDAY.
HMMM...
CLAP
I KNOW!
LET'S MAKE IT A JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE THREE OF US!!
What's with her?
DING

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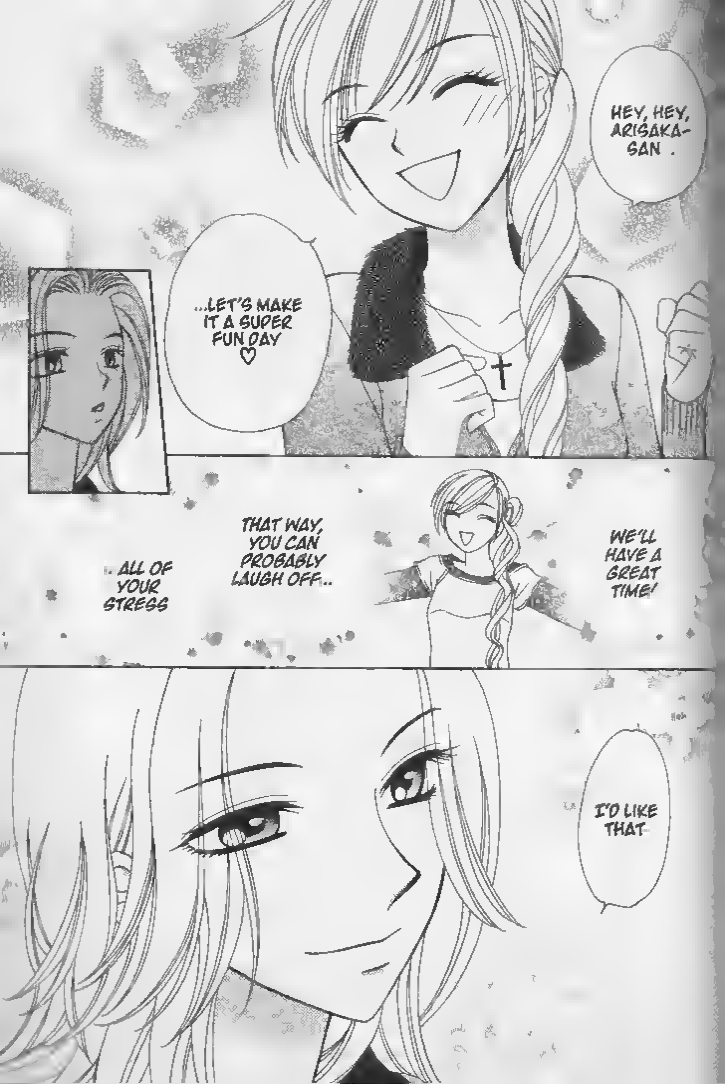
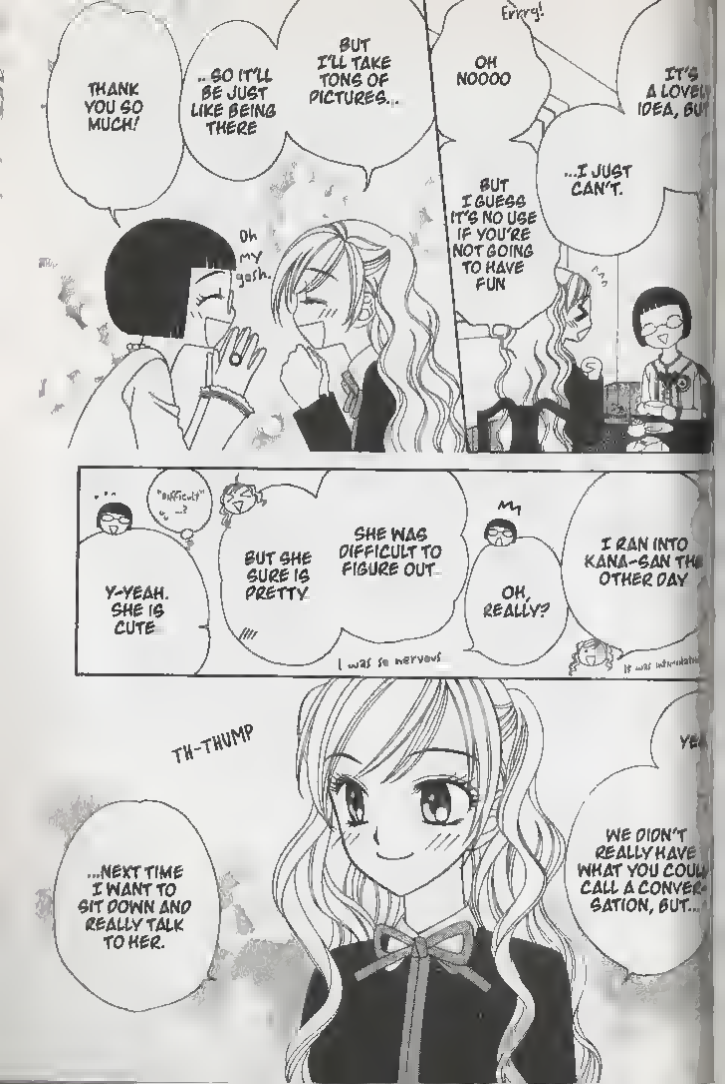
Oh my
!?
!?
..AND IT'S AN EARLY BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR ME AND ARISAKA-SAN, BUT WHAT DO YOU THINK?!!
IT'S A TINY BIT LATE FOR YOUR CELEBRATION
Building excitement
SEE, ISN'T IT A GOOD IDEA?!
WE'LL PLAN IT FOR THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER
THANKS!
I LIKE THE IDEA.
IT SHOULD BE IN THE EVENING ☆ WE'LL END WORK EARLY..
THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
..AND GET ALL DRESSED UP AND DECORATE THE WHOLE FIRST FLOOR OF V.S.R.


HEY, HEY, ARISAKA-SAN.
...LET'S MAKE IT A SUPER FUN DAY ♡
WE'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME!
THAT WAY, YOU CAN PROBABLY LAUGH OFF...
...ALL OF YOUR STRESS
I'D LIKE THAT

FUN TIMES SHOULD BE SHARED WITH EVERYONE.
DON'T JINX ME.
BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO STUDY HARD FOR YOUR EXAMS OR YOU'LL FLUNK.
HEH.
caffe Andante
I'M SORRY.
BUT I'D PROBABLY RUIN THE MOOD IF I GO.
Muwa ha ha!
I don't blame you at all...
WHAT?!
TSUYU-SAN, YOU CAN'T COME?


THANK YOU SO MUCH!
..SO IT'LL BE JUST LIKE BEING THERE
BUT I'LL TAKE TONS OF PICTURES..
Oh my gosh.
Errrg!
OH NOOOO
IT'S A LOVELY IDEA, BUT
..I JUST CAN'T.
BUT I GUESS IT'S NO USE IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE FUN
Y-YEAH. SHE IS CUTE
"difficult"
BUT SHE SURE IS PRETTY
SHE WAS DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT
I was so nervous
OH, REALLY?
I RAN INTO KANA-SAN THE OTHER DAY
It was intimidating
TH-THUMP
...NEXT TIME I WANT TO SIT DOWN AND REALLY TALK TO HER.
WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE WHAT YOU COULD CALL A CONVERSATION, BUT...

Nom
One bite.
HOW ABOUT A PIECE OF THIS CAKE?
A-AGEHA-CHAN..
Aww.
WOW, THANKS
MUNCH
Changing the subject!
Thanks!
You can have some of mine too.
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HAPPINESS
Doohh
IN THE AIR.
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I ASSUME THAT KANA-SAN WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED.
Hmmm
HMMN. I HAVE TO FIND KUROMINE-SAN A PRE-SENT TOO.
SADNESS
SO TSUYU-SAN ISN'T COMING..
OHHH, THAT'S SO NICE.
So Yummy

I'm starting to go!
ALL RIGHT.
I CAN DO THIS!!
WHAT?!
WHAT?!!
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PICKING OUT PRESENTS IS FUN.
.WHEN IT'S DONE WITH LOVE
..EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A TEST COMING UP BEFORE IT...
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I CAN GET THROUGH IT
WHEN I THINK ABOUT A FUN EVENT COMING UP...
Y-yeahh!!
Let's do this! Yeahhh!!

I'M ON FULL BLAST RIGHT NOW!!
YEP.
Oh my gosh.
Do you want to come pick out a present for Kuramine-san with me?
Yes, please.
AND THEN..
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

CHEERS!
...THE BIG DAY FINALLY ARRIVED.
I'M GOING TO LIGHT THE CANDLES
YES, PLEASE.

NOW, LIGHTS OFF!
ALL THREE OF YOU AT ONCE
Hooooooo.

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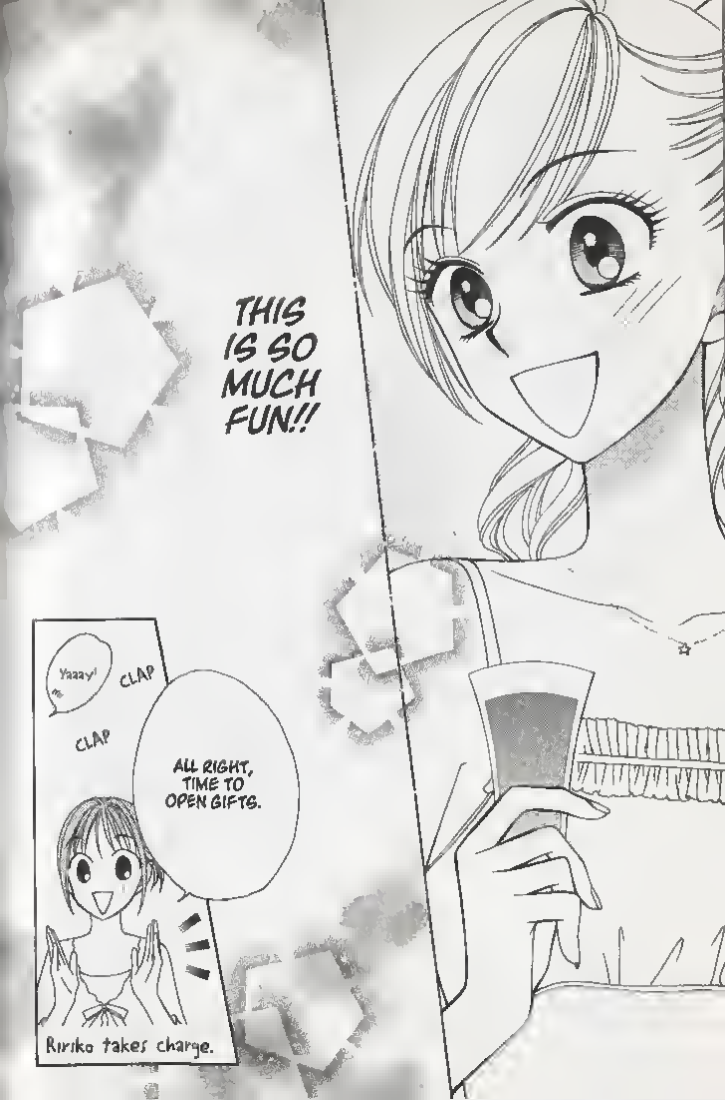
TIME TO PARTY.
I'LL BRING THE FOOD.
LET'S CUT THE CAKE.
HERE, GET TOGETHER I'LL TAKE A PICTURE OF THE THREE OF YOU.
OKAY! SOUNDS GREAT!
CHITTER
CHATTER
AGEHA-CHAN...
CHITTER
...WE'RE GOING TO PLAY DRESS UP LATER.
SO YUKARI-CHAN ISN'T GOING TO DRINK TONIGHT, I HEAR.
CHATTER
TOO BAD HE LOOKS SO CUTE WHEN HE'S HUNG OVER
CAN YOU BRING SOME FORKS OVER HERE?
CHITTER
CHATTER
ARE THERE ENOUGH PLATES?


THIS IS SO MUCH FUN!!
Yaaay!
CLAP
CLAP
ALL RIGHT, TIME TO OPEN GIFTS.
Ririko takes charge.

Meep.
!!!!
FIRST IS OUR PRESENT-- ROSA TO AGEHA-CHAN.
OH, I LOVE THIS!!
WE KNOW YOU LIKE SWEETS, SO WE GOT YOU A GIFT BASKET WITH A TEA SET AND TOWEL.
Oh..
AND FOR YUKARI AND MITSUYA...
Heh Heh
WE BOUGHT THE SAME THING IN DIFFERENT COLORS.
♡
AWW, I'LL FEEL A LITTLE BAD USING IT BECAUSE IT'S ALL SO CUTE
!!!
THANK YOU SO MUUUCH
Thank you~
OH MY GOSH, WE CAN MATCH
♡

MATCHING TIES
I'm going to wear mine now ♥
YEAH.
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL MATCH ANYTHING
NOW YOU LOOK LIKE YOU TWO ACTUALLY WORK FOR A LIVING. ♥
IT'S SILK.
IT'S A GOOD COLOR.
SO THAT'S THE PUNCH LINE.
Sort of reminds me of all the work I have to do
VICTORY! ♥
I DREW PICTURES
WHAT?! REALLY?!
How sweet
SHOW ME, SHOW ME! ♪
TH-THUMP

This is the last column for now. Thank you for reading thus far.

Thank you to everyone who helped me, who took care of me, and to those of you who are reading this book. Thank you so very much.

On the night that I came back from Tokyo to Aichi after all that shopping with Higuchi-san and Shigeru san, I talked on the phone with Higuchi-san. (LOL)
The night before that we talked all night at the hotel too, and then we talked some more while we shopped. So it's like, "Jeez, you still have things to talk about?" but yes, indeed we did. (LOL) We were laughing and saying "what great friends we are!" (LOL)

So this sixth volume will probably end at an interesting part, so please look forward to volume seven.

Well then, I'll be happy to receive any letters!

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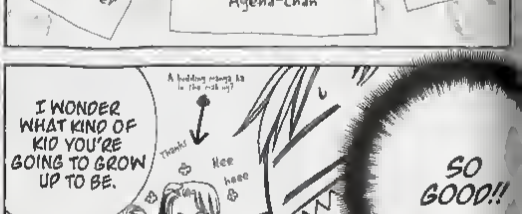
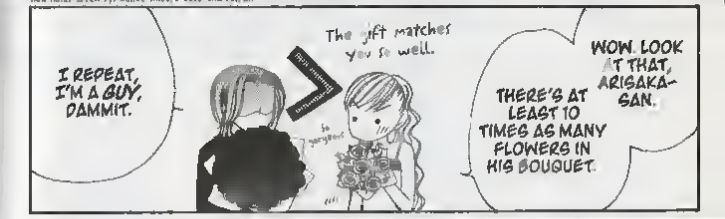


Red Roses often symbolize Love and Passion


I REPEAT, I'M A GUY, DAMMIT.
Blushing
The gift matches you so well.
Delivering to Yamamoto
THERE'S AT LEAST 10 TIMES AS MANY FLOWERS IN HIS BOUQUET.
WOW. LOOK AT THAT, ARISAKA-SAN.

A SCARF.
"Enjoy the fuzziness"?
ENJOY THE FUZZINESS!
...AT A VERY GOOD PRICE.
I have to thank Mamoru chan for her help
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
There's more?!
AND..
So warm
I BOUGHT IT AT A TRENDY STORE
LOOK, YUKARI-KUN, WE MATCH
It's really great because I get cold easily
Ohh
OH, I GOT THEM..
HEY, THIS IS CASHMERE CAN YOU AFFORD THIS?!

PLEASE OPEN IT UP.
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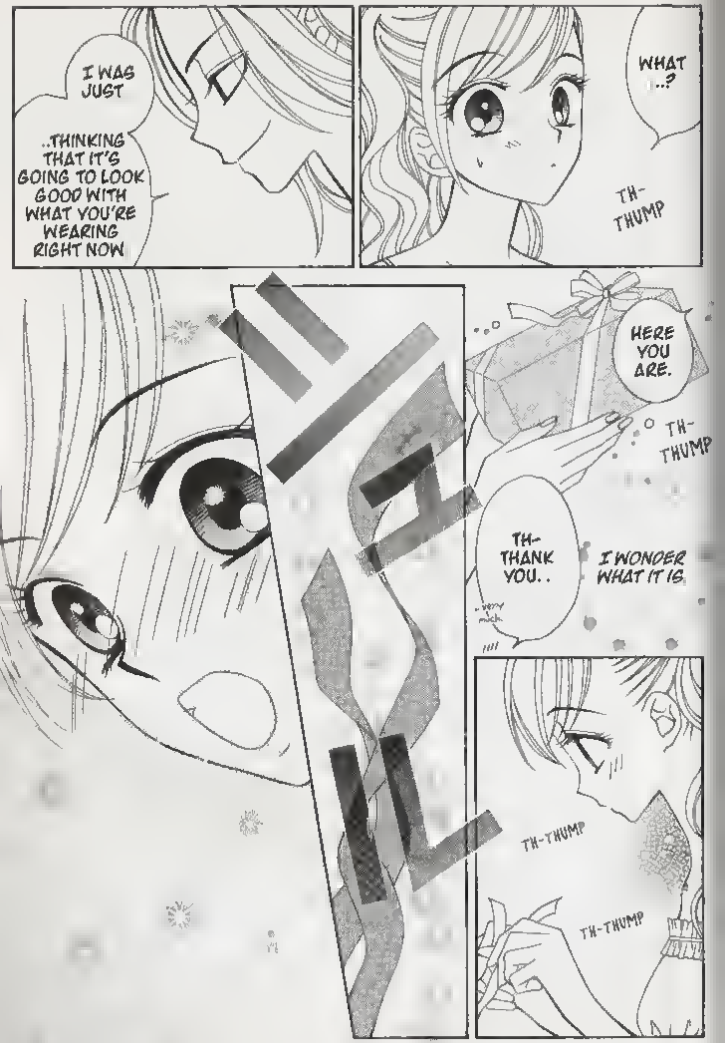
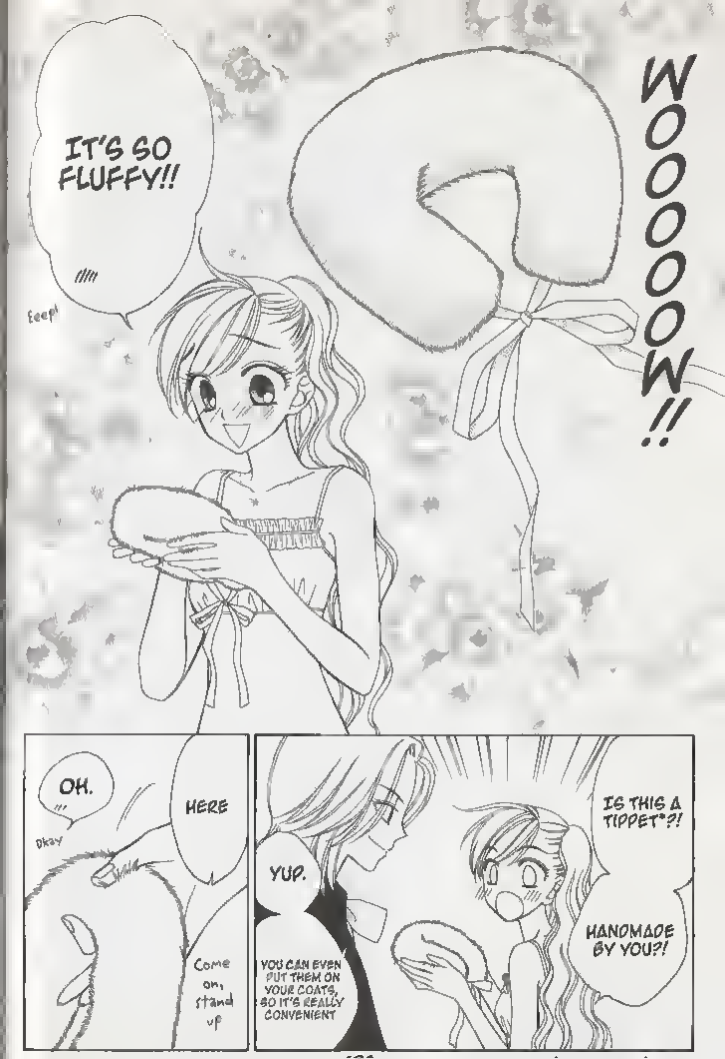
YEP.
THE ONE WITH THE "Y" IS FOR ARISAKA-SAN.
Yukari
AND THE "M" IS FOR KUROMINE-SAN.
Mitsuya
A KEY CASE?
YOU MADE THESE?!
Wow.
YES
I JUST FELT LIKE SOMETHING WAS MISSING
YOU SEE, I HAD ALREADY DECIDED ON THE SCARVES, BUT.
Hmm. What should I do?

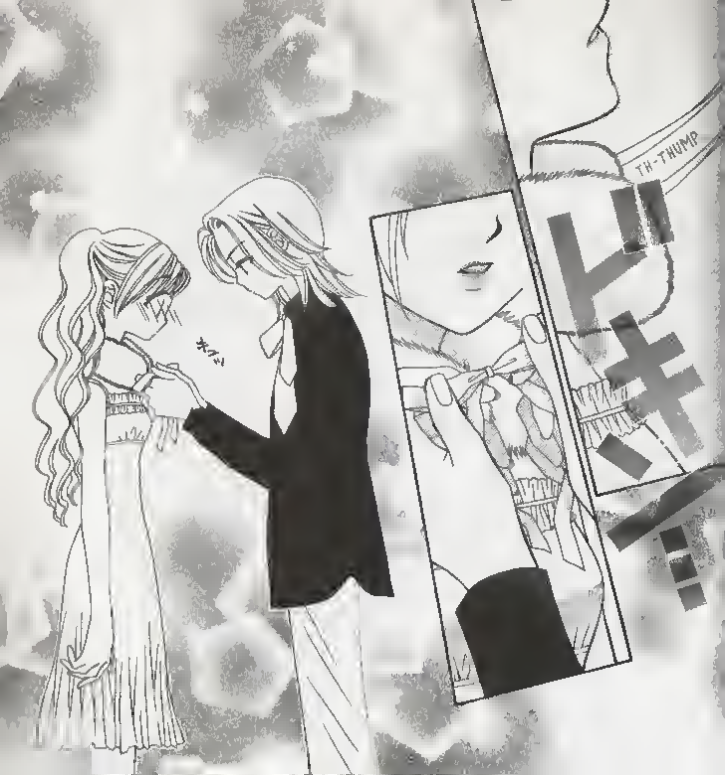
THEN...
...I JUST FELT LIKE MAKING SOMETHING
I HOPE YOU GUYS LIKE THEM.
Hee hee
チャラ?!
OF COURSE WE LIKE THEM. RIGHT, YUKARI-KUN?
YEAH.

I'M SO GLAD I MADE THEM.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CRAFTSMANSHIP ESPCIALLY.
THANKS
Ageha-chan, you're so crafty
Here.
Woooow Yukari-chan, show me, show me

HERE, THIS IS FROM ME
Open it ♥
A HAND-MADE GIFT IN RETURN FOR A HAND-MADE GIFT
OH MY GOSH, IT'S A NEWS-BOY CAP!!
THANK YOU!!! I WANT TO WEAR IT NOOOOW
I didn't know you can make things like this too
We can do anything!
IT'LL MESS UP YOUR HAIR...
SO JUST WEAR IT THE NEXT TIME YOU COME
OKAY
STARE
SO I GUESS THAT LEAVES MY PRESENT FOR LAST


I WAS JUST
..THINKING THAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK GOOD WITH WHAT YOU'RE WEARING RIGHT NOW
WHAT ..?
TH-THUMP
HERE YOU ARE.
TH-THUMP
TH-THANK YOU..
..very much.
I WONDER WHAT IT IS.
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP


IT'S SO FLUFFY!!
feep!
WOOOOOW!!
OH.
HERE
Okay
Come on, stand up
IS THIS A TIPPET*?!
YUP.
HANDMADE BY YOU?!
YOU CAN EVEN PUT THEM ON YOUR COATS, SO IT'S REALLY CONVENIENT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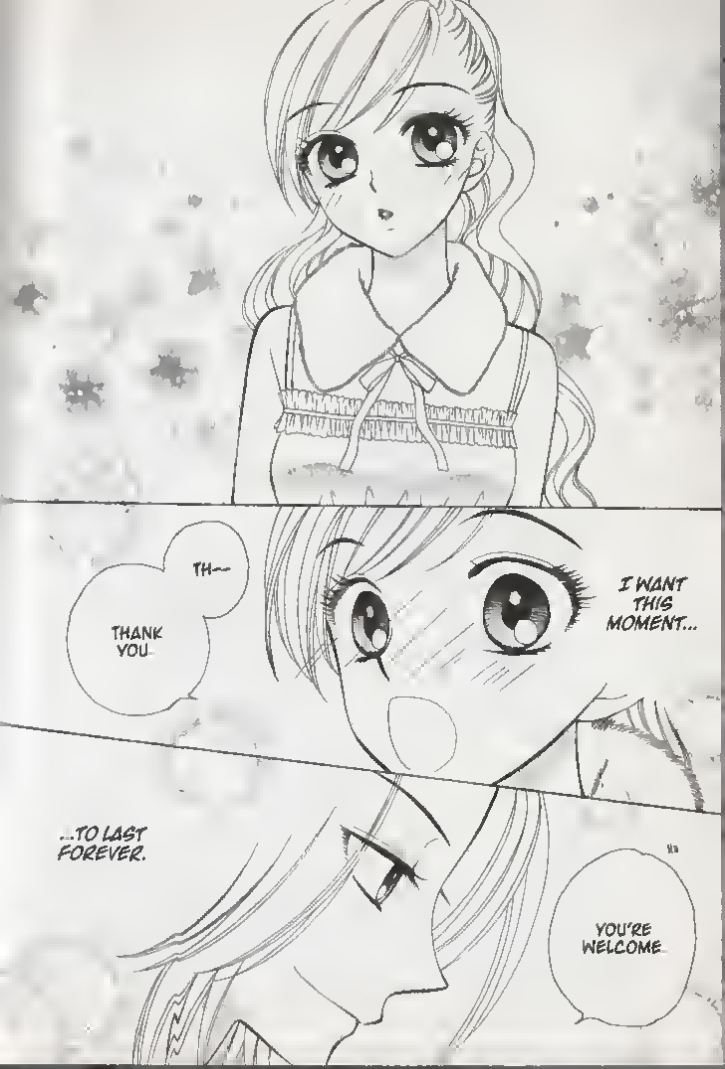
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THANK YOU.
I WANT THIS MOMENT...
...TO LAST FOREVER.
YOU'RE WELCOME.

Here, take this glass
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO TALK BUSINESS.
KEEP THIS UP, AND YOU'LL FINISH THE DRESS FOR THE BRIDAL FAIR IN NO TIME. ♪

I ALWAYS...

...WANT TO SEE THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES.

AH, YUKARI-KUN, THAT'S ALCOHOL.
HUH?
Alcohol?
AGEHA...I'M SORRY, MY DEAREST...
ARISAKA-SAN?
GET AWAY, AGEHA-CHAN!! GET AWAY!
HUH?
WHAT?!